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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's administration said yesterday that the alleged offenses contained in a pre-filed resolution impeaching him "do not rise to the levels of impeachment proceedings" but is only a "smear" campaign against him. He also described its movers as "disgruntled lawmakers" using the issue for political gains in the Nov. 6 mid-term elections.

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# Tydingco-Gatewood, Govendo willing to serve as settlement judges

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has stated that she and Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo are willing to serve as settlement judges in case the parties in the two unnamed retirees' lawsuit are open to pursue a global settlement.

In an order issued on Monday, Judge Tydingco-Gatewood disclosed

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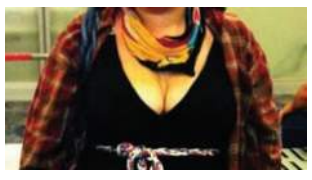

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**The USS *Greeneville* SSN-772 docks at the Port of Saipan on Monday, bringing with it some 150 officers and crewmembers. The USS *Greeneville*, a Los Angeles class submarine that last visited Saipan in 2001, will be in port until Friday. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a welcoming reception for the USS *Greeneville* tonight, from 6pm to 8pm, at Tony Roma's in Garapan. *See story on Page 8***

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## REVISED MEDICAID PLAN LIMITS PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE CLINICS

# CHC only choice of Medicaid patients for now

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Low-income individuals eligible for Medicaid benefits can only be treated by the Commonwealth Health Center for now following the implementation of a revised Medicaid state plan that limits participation of private providers.

Under the plan, private clinics can only accommodate Medicaid patients when certain services are certified not available at the public hospital.

But families of many Medicaid patients are worried on the capability of CHC to attend and provide all services due their ill relatives amidst the disclosure that the hospital doesn't have enough physicians, supplies, and other medical equipment.

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**ACCIDENT-PRONE AREA**
A local motorist is being assisted by Department of Public Safety officers when her car was struck on Middle Road in Garapan at the intersection by Gold's Gym and the CNMI Museum last Monday. All parties involved in the accident escaped without injury.
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# Cabrera to form special committee on impeachment

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Cabrera

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said he plans to form a special committee to review a pre-filed resolution to initiate impeachment proceedings against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and make recommendations to the full House, but as of yesterday, he has yet to identify the possible members of the panel.

Cabrera said the House will hold a session after the Senate passes the fiscal year 2013 budget bill with amendments. The Senate session is today.

Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan) said he would be volunteering to serve in the committee.

Some House members, however, said they will serve in the special committee only if and when the speaker appoints them.

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), one of the seven minority bloc members who pre-filed the impeachment resolution on Monday, said all he asks is that the House leadership and minority bloc are "equally represented" in the special committee to be formed.

"And if I am appointed, I will serve in the committee," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), who earlier said he will not be a co-author of the resolution, said yesterday he will "consider" serving in the committee "if the speaker appoints me."

Torres was also a member of a special committee on impeachment back in 1992 when there were talks to impeach then governor Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero. The impeachment talks died when the committee didn't determine the allegations to rise to the levels of impeachment and even before a resolution could be pre-filed.

The House minority bloc's pre-filing of an impeachment resolution on Monday marked a first in CNMI history.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) also said if the speaker asks him to serve in the committee, "I won' turn it down."

Villagomez said there are lots of pressing issues including the passage of the FY 2013 budget, the hospital and the pension agency.

But he also said that this impeachment resolution "is not something you can ignore."

"We have to work on the budget because we don't want to see another government shutdown. But the impeachment process shouldn't be political. It should be for the right reasons. And this impeachment process is going to come down to the number of votes. Whoever serves on the board should do his job carefully and responsibly," Villagomez said.

The NMI Constitution says the Legislature may impeach the governor for "treason, commission of a felony, corruption, or neglect of duty."

In the 20-member House, at least 14 affirmative votes are needed to impeach the governor. Right now, the governor's allies form the majority in the House.

The nine-member Senate needs at least six affirmative votes to convict.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said last night that it's no secret that many of the allegations in the House impeachment resolution were the same issues that the Senate was also concerned about; for example, the Senate passed a resolution asking for the cancellation of the 25-year power purchase agreement until a full economic analysis has been done.

"The governor has also not appointed board members or reinstated boards for the Department of Public Lands, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and others. He's been too involved in politics that he has been neglecting his duties so we now have emergencies at the hospital, the Retirement Fund and CUC," Manglona said.

The Senate president also hopes that the impeachment process will not drag on for a long time.

Months ago, Manglona called on Fitial to step aside and let Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos to take over as CNMI governor.

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# DPS hires back ex-officer Dubrall, 5 others

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The Department of Public Safety has hired back former police officer Jesse Dubrall and four other former police officers, according to DPS sources.

In addition, sources said, DPS also hired Anthony Palacios, a former Commonwealth Ports Authority police officer.

Sources said the other former police officers who previously resigned and are hired back are Glenn Rabago, Kui Rogopes, Patrick Togawa, and Andrew Taimanao.

DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong yesterday confirmed the hiring of Dubrall and the five other officers.

Tarkong said except Taimanao who has a rank of Police Officer 2, the others have the same Police Officer 1 position.

Tarkong said Dubrall was back on duty last week, while the others came on board a couple of weeks ago.

Tarkong said the newly hired officers are all assigned at Patrol Section.

Tarkong said he has no knowledge as to the reasons behind the hiring.

Jin Dong Wang, a Chinese national, has filed a police brutality lawsuit in federal court against Dubrall, the CNMI government, DPS, former DPS commissioner Santiago F. Tudela, and unnamed co-defendants when Dubrall allegedly used excessive force during Wang's mistaken arrest on Oct. 18, 2010.

Wang, through counsel David G. Banes, alleged that Dubrall severely beat him with the butt of his gun and punched and kicked him.

Police later realized that Wang was not the "ice" trafficking suspect they were looking for.

Wang reportedly suffered a large cut on the head.

Dubrall denied beating up Wang.

In May 2012, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed Wang's claims, but allowed him to amend some of his claims.

Manglona granted the Office of the Attorney General's motion to dismiss Wang's case against Dubrall, the CNMI, and Tudela.

The judge allowed Wang to amend his case with respect to the allegation of illegal search and seizure and negligence.

Manglona granted the government's motion to substitute in for Dubrall as to Wang's second cause of action—false arrest. The judge dismissed Dubrall from this claim.

Some police officers told *Saipan Tribune* that many of them were surprised with the hiring despite the administration's austerity measures.

"Check the background of some of these newly hired officers. One was investigated before for theft, one for domestic violence, and one for writing a false report," said an officer, who requested anonymity.

# Chamber supports 3 bills but asks further review of Civil Service measure

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan told acting governor Eloy S. Inos that the business group supports three bills now before him for action, but asks for further review of a fourth bill restoring an independent civil service system because of concerns that the measure as written would not necessarily stop the partisan abuse of employment practices for all government employees.

"It is an election year, and the SCC neither supports, nor does not support, this bill," Brennan said in an Aug. 25 letter to Inos, referring to Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider's (R-Tinian) Senate Bill 17-62, Senate Substitute 1.

Brennan said the Chamber asks for further review to determine if this realignment of the Office of Personnel Management within, and into, a new Civil Service Commission would effectuate the desired changes to those partisan practices identified, and as recognized by the SCC as needing address.

The Chamber president said group also supports HB 17-294 HD1, which allows the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents to make certain exceptions to the basic residency requirement.

The Chamber also supports HB 17-214 SS1 SD1 CCD1, which seeks to strengthen the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

"The SCC, although current administrative executive orders negate/circumvent such proposed amendments to the current law, concurs with this legislation's findings and supports this bill as necessary to properly establish PUC quorums on matters before the PUC," Brennan told Inos.

But the Chamber president said the business group chooses not to comment on the other matters in the bill, including commissioner standards and restrictions, and television broadcasting requisites.

Brennan also said the Chamber supports HB 17-17 HD2 SS1 SD1 CCD1 HD1, which seeks to strengthen penalties for minors consuming alcoholic beverages, and impose stiffer penalties for persons or establishments who are providing and selling alcoholic beverages.

He said the Chamber agrees that deterrents curb illegal activity, and those proposed under this bill are desirable as a means to stop the flow of alcohol into the hands of minors.

The Chamber also supports the additional enforcement activity created by allowing application filing fees collected by the Department of Commerce's Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division to go directly for those enforcement purposes.

"The SCC further finds the intent of this legislation is admirable, where stiffer penalties and better enforcement would curb illegal activity, but that without that enforcement activity being carried out, this bill becomes nothing more than 'lip service' to a problem all know exists in the CNMI," Brennan told the acting governor.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members.

# New local law gives $190K in developer tax for Saipan projects

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed into local law yesterday a bill appropriating $190,000 in developer infrastructure tax among five Saipan precincts, 53 percent or $100,000 of which goes to Rep. Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) Precinct 2.

Demapan, author of House Local Bill 17-69 Draft 1, said yesterday this amount will be used to complete the Niyok Road project in As Perdido and other projects in Precinct 2.

"This road needs to be completed to lessen road congestion. I am grateful for the acting governor for signing this into local law, and I also grateful for my colleagues who voted yes to this local bill," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

HLB 17-69 HD1 is now Saipan Local Law 17-16.

But while the acting governor approved the measure, he reminded the expenditure authority—the Department of Public Works secretary—"to be cognizant that the source of funding for these various projects is the developer infrastructure tax which is limited for use of infrastructure improvements."

These include electrical systems, water systems, sewage systems, road, drainage and flood control systems, and solid waste management systems.

"Therefore, all projects must conform with the requirements of the statute before they are approved," Inos said in his transmittal message to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan).

Demapan's original local bill gave $130,000 to Precinct 2 but he offered a floor amendment to lower it to $100,000, so that other precincts will get a greater amount than the initial figures.

With Demapan's amendment, Precincts 1, 3, 4, and 5 will get $22,500 each, instead of $15,000 as stated in the original measure.

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# Motion for mistrial in case vs woman accused of attempted murder denied

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The defense counsel yesterday moved for dismissal or mistrial of the case in the ongoing jury trial of Carmelita Guiao, who is facing attempted murder and other charges for allegedly running over with a car her former common-law husband.

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos denied the motion and allowed the alleged victim to continue his testimony.

Assistant public defenders Matthew Meyers and Daniel Guidotti moved for mistrial after learning that assistant attorney general Shelli Neal called the alleged victim to her office Monday night and was showed photographs of his injuries.

Meyers and Guidotti argued that Neal committed a prosecutorial misconduct considering that the alleged victim was already sworn in as a witness and already started his testimony.

Meyers said Neal violated the court's instruction not to talk with the witness. The prosecutor denied there was an instruction, prompting Inos to direct his staff to play the court recordings.

After listening to the tape for a few minutes, Inos and the counsels did not mention that there was indeed an instruction. The judge stated that the issue is whether or not the showing of photographs to the witness did any way affect the truthfulness of his testimony.

Meyer noted that, on Monday the alleged victim's testimony characterized the incident as accident and that yesterday's appeared different.

"We don't know if they tried to coach or coerce him. This is prejudice," Meyer said.

Neal opposed the motion. She said the witness is still around and can be asked on what really happened during their meeting.

Inos stated that once the witness is on the stand, the lawyers can't have an ex-parte communication with the witness.

Neal said she never coached the witness and that she only showed him his photographs that he was already aware of.

Guidotti stood up and stated that he just consulted with chief public defender Adam Hardwicke, who asserted that this is an extra-ordinary case.

"The trial is not fair anymore," Guidotti said, adding that the government has already corrupted the evidence.

Neal said the defense will have opportunity to ask the witness on what really transpired.

Guidotti said he needs a rest of the day as the issue needs a full brief. He said the prosecution violated a serious and egregious matter.

Meyer said the remedy is that it is not going to make the trial fair.

In denying the motion, Inos said for fair game he will allow the defense to examine the witness as to anything that happened during Neal's interview.

When the trial resumed yesterday afternoon, the defense counsel asked the witness about the interview with Neal.

Inos denied the motion for mistrial and allowed the prosecution to continue the examination on the witness.

Police said the hit and run incident occurred at the intersection of Adilanto Loop and Gobietno Drive in Upper Miha, Garapan on March 11, 2012.

The alleged victim reportedly suffered a fractured left mid clavicle rib, lacerations to the left posterior ankle and left posterior heel, and multiple abrasions and contusions to the torso and lower extremities.

Police said investigation showed that Guiao chased her common-law husband and struck him with her car by running him over.

Guiao then allegedly fled the scene.

Police said prior to the incident, the couple had an argument, prompting the victim to grab his clothes and leave the house.

As the victim was walking away, Guiao allegedly chased him with a car and struck him with the vehicle.

The trial of Guiao began on Monday.

## ALLEGATIONS

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Fitial, through press secretary Angel Demapan, was responding to questions about the House minority bloc's pre-filing of a resolution initiating impeachment proceedings against the governor.

Seven members of the House minority bloc led by Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) pre-filed on Monday House Resolution 17-111, listing 16 articles of impeachment against Fitial, including five acts of corruption, seven acts of neglect of duty, and four commissions of felonies.

Demapan said the governor recognizes that impeachment is a process provided for in the NMI Constitution which he said clearly states that a governor may be impeached if he commits a felony, treason, or if he is involved in corruption or negligent in his duty.

"Governor Fitial's alleged offenses contained in the resolution do not rise to the levels of impeachment proceedings. The governor knows that the proponents know this, but it appears they are pressing forward only because of imagined political advantage in an election year," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune.*

Fitial and Demapan are now in Tampa, Florida for the Republican National Convention where Mitt Romney will officially accept his party's presidential nomination.

Fitial is only the second governor in CNMI history being attempted to be impeached, but this is the first time that an impeachment resolution was actually pre-filed.

The first attempt to impeach a governor was in 1992 during the term of now deceased governor Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero but back then, the issue died even before a resolution could be pre-filed.

### 'Hastily crafted list'

Demapan said "no one in Commonwealth history has been so thoroughly and unfairly scrutinized as Governor Fitial, yet they have to resort to a hastily crafted list of allegations that include incidents from two years ago that never saw any charges brought forth against him."

"Moreover, the proponents did not even make any attempt to initiate impeachment proceedings in 2010. Was it because there were no merits or was it because they were not running for re-election on an incomplete slate?" Demapan asked.

Deleon Guerrero, in an interview yesterday, said Fitial's "pattern" of abuse of power in the last few years was aggravated further by two recent events that included his secretive signing of a $190.8-million power purchase agreement for 25 years and authorizing the use of armed police and ports police officers to shield a former attorney general from being served a penal summons.

The House minority leader said all these led the minority bloc to reach the decision to impeach Fitial.

"Fitial has continuously flaunted that he has authority to do whatever he wants. That pushed us to the edge and who knows if we didn't do this, what else would he do? And we're not done yet with this," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

The press secretary said "this witch hunt has been fueled for four years already following the failed attempt of disgruntled lawmakers in 2008."

He said they are disgruntled again today, "and are unfortunately allowing emotions to run over the strict guidelines of impeachment proceedings."

"The articles of impeachment contained in this second attempt are solely designed to smear Governor Fitial and are more so driven for personal gain in the upcoming midterm elections," Demapan said.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), one of the co-authors of the resolution, asked, "So at what level rises to the level of impeachment?"

"I am surprised that the governor has suddenly become an attorney to opine on such an issue. You should be asking him why did he and (former attorney general Edward) Buckingham sign off on a $190-million power purchase agreement as I also did not know that they were power plant experts," said Dela Cruz.

### 'Irresponsible'

Demapan said the community still trembles at the edge of financial challenges, tourism arrivals still need to be increased, the new budget has yet to be passed, "yet some lawmakers are only worrying about trying to successfully impeach a governor they failed to impeach in 2008."

"Proponents have pumped this story irresponsibly. Obviously, they are exploiting it for cheap political advantage," Demapan added.

Deleon Guerrero reiterated that "this is not about politics" but about doing the right thing to stop the governor from continuously disregarding laws.

"There's a pattern of abuse of power starting from freeing temporarily an inmate masseuse to give him a massage in 2010, and the list goes on," he added.

Most members of the House minority bloc opposed Fitial's rejoining of the Republican Party in 2010 and the swift changes to the party bylaws to allow a sitting governor to become party president.

Fitial rejoined the Republican Party about a decade after abandoning it to form his own Covenant Party to support his gubernatorial bid. Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, currently the acting governor, stayed on with the Covenant Party and is now its titular head.

Besides Deleon Guerrero and Dela Cruz, the other co-authors from the House minority bloc are Reps. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), and Trenton Conner (R-Tinian).

The House leadership is aligned with the governor.

### Allegations

The resolution's Articles I to IV were for "Commission of a felony." Articles V to IX were for "Corruption," while Articles X to XVI were for "Neglect."

The 22-page resolution's impeachable offenses were in connection with Fitial's use of a federal inmate temporarily taken out of prison to give him a massage at his house during wee hours of the night to morning in January 2010, failure to nominate a Supreme Court chief justice and members of the Public Utilities Commission, and failure to remit full contributions to the NMI Retirement Fund since 2006.

Also included were his award of an almost $400,000 sole-source contract to a former Cabinet secretary within days of resigning in 2010, and failure to remove his former attorney general after it became clear that the AG used public funds and other resources for a political campaign or gathering.

Others were ordering or conspiring to use armed police and ports police officers to shield the former AG from being served a penal summons in connection with criminal charges filed against him, and the secretive signing of a 25-year power purchase deal to Saipan Development LLC.

Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), for his part, said lawmakers shouldn't be the judge, prosecutor, and juror at the same time.

## CHC

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A 33-year-old mother from Chinatown yesterday shared with *Saipan Tribune* her unfortunate experience at CHC.

She said she recently went to the hospital's Children's Clinic after her 7-year-old daughter fell ill of high fever and flu.

However, no doctor was available for patients on that day. She then turned to CHC's emergency unit only to be advised that her child can be treated only if they are willing to wait for three hours because the doctor has a long list of patients during that day.

"As soon as I received this advice from ER, I made the decision to go to the Pacific Medical Center so my ill daughter could immediately receive treatment… and I ended up paying $62. That was not our first [unfortunate] experience at the hospital. I remembered the last time we waited for hours because of my daughter's stomach ache and we also ended up at the private clinic. Fortunately, PMC during that time was still accepting Medicaid," the mother said yesterday.

A new mother from Oleai also shared yesterday her worry when personnel at the hospital rescheduled the supposed injection/immunization of her newborn baby due to unavailability of attending medical professional. She said she needs to wait for some weeks for the rescheduled service.

"Yes, CHC may have all the services for Medicaid patients… but the question is: how soon they can provide these services to patients? How many hours do we need to wait at the hospital just to avail of the needed treatment for our family members?" the mother asked.

*Saipan Tribune* checked private providers yesterday and most of them admitted that "suspension" for Medicaid clients—unless self pay—is still in effect until further notice.

An employee of Pacific Medical Center admitted yesterday that even if a patient is referred to the clinic to avail a certain service that is not available at CHC, that patient has to make a full payment.

PHI Pharmacy vice president Bruce Cohen also told *Saipan Tribune* that lifting of the suspension of the Medicaid services depends on the government which owes the company over $1 million in arrears.

PHI is the biggest pharmaceutical provider on island which temporarily stopped accommodating Medicaid patients—unless self pay—in July this year.

Marianas Medical Center manager Joy Sanchez also admitted the non-lifting of the clinic's suspension on Medicaid clients. She revealed that since the implementation of the revised state plan, MMC would only wait for any patient to be referred by CHC.

Like other providers, she believes that grave impact of the revised plan is really on the patients themselves, many of whom have no ability to pay out of their pockets.

Under the revised Medicaid plan, some optional services are also not covered or are being capped by Medicaid.

## TYDINGCO

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that in consultation with Govendo, the court finds it judicially efficient and cost effective for the parties to discuss the possibility of a global settlement on this matter.

"Assuming the parties are amenable to a global settlement conference, the parties shall be prepared to provide two names of settlement judges, and to propose realistic and reasonable solutions to finance and sustain the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

In the footnote of her order, Tydingco-Gatewood said she and Govendo are available as an option to the parties to serve as settlement judges.

Tydingco-Gatewood will decide on the two unnamed retirees' motion to lift stay after she hears the parties' oral arguments on Sept. 7, 2012.

The judge said in the event she grants the motion, the parties shall be prepared to attend a joint Federal-Commonwealth status conference on Sept. 10, 2012 at 9am to be held at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

In August 2009, the two unnamed retirees, through counsel Bruce Jorgensen, filed the lawsuit in federal court against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Fund over alleged non-payment of their retirement benefits.

The District Court then issued a stay of the proceedings so the two unnamed retirees could intervene in the Superior Court action and avail themselves of post-judgment remedies or compel the Fund to pursue post judgment remedies.

The two unnamed retirees recently moved the federal court to lift the court's stay order of their lawsuit that has been in effect since Jan. 25, 2010.

The unnamed retirees requested the federal court to conduct an expedited hearing in their motion to allow them to lift the existing stay so they can litigate the lawsuit "in the only forum that can now protect their rights."

With the dismissal of the Fund's Chapter 11 case, the two unnamed retirees filed several motions, including the request to lift the court's stay order.

The Fund filed a lawsuit in Superior Court in 2006 against the government, Fitial, Department of Finance, and then Finance secretary Eloy S. Inos over the government's failure to remit required payments.

In 2009, Govendo ruled that the government owes the Fund $282 million in damages and that the law suspending government contributions to the Fund is unconstitutional.

DUE TO INCREASING UTILITY COSTS

# Tinian, Rota airports incur budget shortfall

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REPORTER

Commonwealth Ports Authority comptroller Derek Sasamoto disclosed that both the Rota and Tinian airports incurred a budget shortfall in the tail end of the current fiscal year mainly due to increasing utility costs.

The combined deficit for the two airports in fiscal year 2012 is $362,147, a bulk of which is due to cost of power and water

Sasamoto reported to the CPA board Friday that Rota airport and seaport needed additional funding of $177,959 in order to continue operations until the end of fiscal year on Sept. 30. Of the figure, $126,000 is earmarked for utilities, while about $25,000 is needed for the repair of a fire truck that is currently down.

On Tinian, the comptroller disclosed that the budget deficit until end of the fiscal year is $184,188 also mainly due to increasing utility costs.

Sasamoto recommended the approval of $362,147 in supplemental funding for these budget deficits, which the board favorably acted upon last Friday.

Besides additional funding to cover both airports' shortfall, the board also approved supplemental funding of $79,867 for three other projects of the CPA.

Through the recommendation of CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, the board approved $28,500 for the renovation and termite control of a storage area for safekeeping of CPA's important records and documents. Deleon Guerrero identified a small training room to be converted into a storage section which will retain records up to seven years.

At present, important files and records of the ports authority are being kept in different unsafe areas such as bunkers. Although CPA revealed its plan of archiving the documents, Deleon Guerrero admitted that it will cost CPA more money.

The board also approved supplemental funds of $16,800 for the repair of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting's leaking ceiling and $34,567 for the emergency generator upgrade at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Deleon Guerrero said this has been already approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and is only seeking the board's blessing.

# NMC self-evaluation report submitted to accreditation commission

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Northern Marianas College announced on its website that its 2012 self-evaluation report has been submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, which will decide on the fate of the college's accreditation in January 2013.

"Over the past several months, members of the college community have been working in teams to prepare the institutional self-evaluation report and to ensure that its contents accurately reflect the college's progress in meeting accreditation standards and eligibility requirements," said NMC president Sharon Y. Hart in the announcement posted on its website.

According to the ACCJC Manual for Self-Evaluation, the process of institutional self evaluation provides an opportunity for an institution to conduct a thorough evaluation of its educational quality and institutional effectiveness against the Accreditation Standards, including federal requirements, commission policies, eligibility requirements, and the institution's own objectives.

It also states that the process of self-evaluation allows the institution to consider the quality of its programs and services and its institutional effectiveness in support of student success.

Although the standards are presented in four sections, the standards relate to the institution in its entirety. The standards should therefore be considered as a whole and the institution should present a holistic and comprehensive analysis of its compliance with the standards.

During last week's two-day meeting of the Board of Regents, the self-evaluation report was reviewed by the members.

"Students, staff, faculty, and members of the Board of Regents have contributed significantly to our accreditation efforts. We will continue to engage them, our legislative and executive leaders, and the members of the community to continue our momentum to accreditation reaffirmation," Hart said.

As with previous reports submitted to ACCJC, members of the college's management team and other employees continue to lead 12 different teams specifically aimed at addressing accreditation standards. The teams are composed of staff, faculty, and students.

In the announcement, NMC said an evaluation team from ACCJC will be visiting the college in October to undertake interviews and verify the information provided in the institutional self evaluation report.

During the visit, the evaluation team will typically expect to meet with the college president, administrators, department heads/program coordinators, members of the governing board, students, and persons with substantial responsibility for producing the report.

The self-evaluation report will be made publicly available after the commission formally acts on it during its January 2013 meeting.

NMC was placed on continued probation status due to remaining standards and recommendations that have not been met by the college.

# 78 children on Head Start program waitlist

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CNMI Head Start program director Melissa Palacios disclosed to the Board of Education that as of last week, 78 children are on the program's waitlist and their parents and guardians are hopeful that they can be accommodated anytime for the start of the 2013 school year.

Head Start is a federally funded program under the Department of Health and Human Services which provides developmental services for low-income children ages 3 to 5 and social services for their families.

As of last week, Palacios said the program has reached its mandated enrollment of 462 on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and is still complying with the federal mandate to enroll 10 percent of children with disabilities. The director revealed that the program is still short of six children to meet this 10-percent requirement.

The Public School System has 10 Head Start centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Enrolled children and their families receive services in education, health, parent involvement, and social services.

According to Palacios, the program is required to maintain a waitlist every program year to make sure the next available child is ready to be enrolled once another enrollee drops out.

Palacios said the program is ready for its opening on Sept. 4, the same schedule for public school classes. She also announced that the program is ready with its staffing pattern, professional development, and other preparations for new school year.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Head Start program has an operating budget of about $1.8 million of which about $320,000 comes from local sources. Years ago, the funded enrollment for Head Start was 579 but due to the drop in budget, the enrollment was capped at 462.

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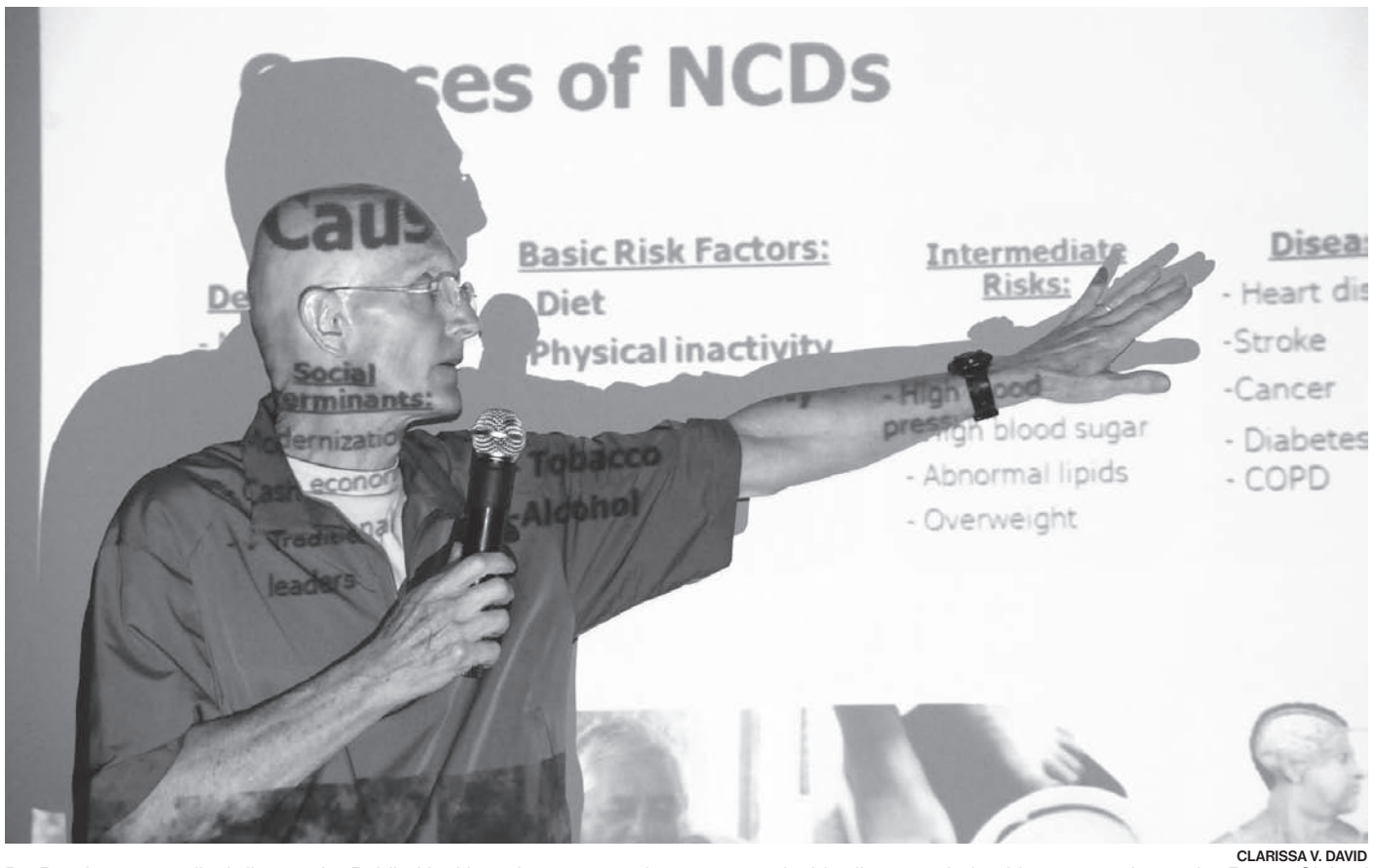
# Lamar: Food abuse biggest factor of NCDs




CLARISSA V. DAVID

Dr. Dan Lamar, medical director for Public Health, points to several non-communicable diseases during his presentation at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday.

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There's substance abuse, and then there's food abuse.

Dr. Dan Lamar, medical director for Public Health, said yesterday that people's use of food is the "biggest cause" of non-communicable diseases like diabetes, cancer, and heart diseases.

"The way we use food is really in an abusive manner. We don't realize that or think of it that way but it's true," he said at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Lamar defined NCDs as those diseases "that affect us as we get older."

"They're not communicable because we're not going to catch them from somebody else like an infectious disease such as pneumonia or the flu. These diseases are really largely the result of our lifestyle, how we live. Because of that, we have the opportunity to really influence during the course of our life whether or not we get these conditions," he explained.

According to Lamar, diet is one of the basic risk factors why people have NCDs. While pleasure is an important aspect of food intake, he noted the need to remember that the food that you eat should be able to nourish one's body.

Besides an unhealthy diet, tobacco use, alcohol intake, and lack of physical activity contribute heavily to NCDs, he said, adding that the imbalance in calorie intake and use of energy would result to a "deficit state" since the person does not receive the associated nutrients needed to maintain good health.

"The way you eat and your physical activity will influence how your genetic inheritance is going to be expressed. There is this nature versus nurture," added Lamar.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Several students dance to Beyonce's "Move Your Body," the song used for the campaign to fight childhood obesity, yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Lamar, along with Public Health Division director Roxanne Diaz, emphasized the need to do something about the incidence of NCDs in the community, especially since the numbers are now "alarming."

According to Diaz, seven out of 10 deaths in the Commonwealth are caused by NCDs and its associated risk factors. In fact, the number of new renal dialysis patients has seen an increase each year from 2009 to 2011.

Hospital data showed that from 18 new patients in 2009, the number jumped to 23 in 2010 and reached 27 last year. Lamar noted that dialysis patients now include those from the younger age groups.

Diaz, for her part, said that a nutrition survey revealed that 45 percent of children between 7 and 10 years are obese or overweight—an indicator and risk factor for NCDs.

"These kids would be the first generation who would die before their parents if we don't do something about it," she added.

### Let's Move Marianas

In line with First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign to fight childhood obesity, the CNMI adopted a similar initiative called Let's Move Marianas, a collaborative effort among various groups, including Public Health, KKMP Foundation, Division of Environmental Quality, Commonwealth Cancer Association, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Division of Youth Services.

"We have a huge committee that's really helping to move this campaign," said volunteer Amber Mendiola.

She said that throughout September, a series of events promoting physical activity will be held in support of the fight against childhood obesity.

Mendiola added that they will have the Let's Move Marianas Expo on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Susupe from 7am to noon.

The event, she said, will kick off a year's worth of activities and will feature exercises and cooking demonstrations, including one from Kagman Elementary School sixth grader Esther Huh who recently met with the Obamas in a state dinner after winning the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge.

Mendiola said that at the expo, there will be a flash mob comprised of 2,000 students who will be dancing to the tune of Beyonce's "Move Your Body." Rotarians got a glimpse of the dance moves as about 20 students grooved to the beat at Tuesday's meeting.

KSPN will be airing instructional videos of dance moves after the newscast every night, Mendiola said. All activities for the campaign will also be extended to Tinian and Rota, she added.

Other organizations and businesses are encouraged to join the expo to get more people involved in the campaign. For more information, email letsmovemarianas@gmail.com.

## Govt urged to create health policies to address NCDs

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Public Health Division director Roxanne Diaz called for the creation of health policies that would address the alarming issue of non-communicable diseases in the CNMI.

Speaking at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday, Diaz said that among these recommended policies would be sin tax or the tax imposed on alcohol and tobacco products. According to her, there is a difference between sin tax that impact public health against sin tax that generates revenue for the government.

She pointed out that health can be a major consideration in the use of capital improvement project funding for any infrastructure development by constructing pathways which encourage physical activities among the public, such as walking and biking.

Making a declaration or a statement to the world that NCDs are a health emergency would also open doors for funding opportunities for the Commonwealth, according to Diaz.

She cited Palau as an example, saying that its health department got the leverage for such funding which was then used to get other government agencies and departments to have their own initiatives focusing on health.

Diaz disclosed that an NCD policy team has been formed to advocate for the legislation of such policies to the governor and the Legislature.

The team is comprised of Public Health medical director Dr. Dan Lamar, Malua Peter of the Diabetes Coalition, the Commonwealth Cancer Association, and the KKMP Foundation.

Diaz stressed that local government offices and those of the private sector can also develop their own health policies within their organizations. She commended the Public School System and Tan Holdings for putting health among their priorities.

"We have to mobilize together as a community in order to do something now. It's a whole society approach that will make the most effective impact in the prevention of NCDs," added Diaz.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Director Roxanne Diaz of the Division of Public Health gestures as she talks about the need to create health policies to address non-communicable diseases in the Commonwealth during the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

## Motorists warned of near zero visibility, flooding near roads

The CNMI Emergency Management Office has warned the public that excessive runoff from heavy rainfall will cause flooding of waterways and ponding of water in urban spots, streets and low-lying areas on Saipan.

The agency said villages expected to be affected by flooding are Chalan Kanoa, Koblerville, San Antonio, Susupe, San Jose, Lower Base, Garapan, San Roque, and Tanapag.

Therefore, acting governor Eloy S. Inos is advising the general public that when driving, be alert for flooding near roads and near zero visibility in torrential rain. Boaters can also expect reduced visibility to less than one mile and dangerous lightning with the strongest showers.

Based on the information received from National Weather Service's doppler radar and satellite imagery in Tiyan, Guam, EMO said local residents should expect showers and thunderstorms near Tinian and Saipan with a larger area of rain extending to the southeast.

EMO added that rainfall amounts of an inch or two are also possible as showers and storms gradually lift to the northeast.

EMO will continue to monitor this system and provide updates if it becomes available.

Residents of the CNMI should continue to monitor their local media sources or call EMO dispatch center at 237-8000 or dial 211. ***(EMO)***

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Customers check out the items on sale at Ananas store in Garapan Monday night.

## AFTER 12 YEARS ON SAIPAN

# Ananas store to close down

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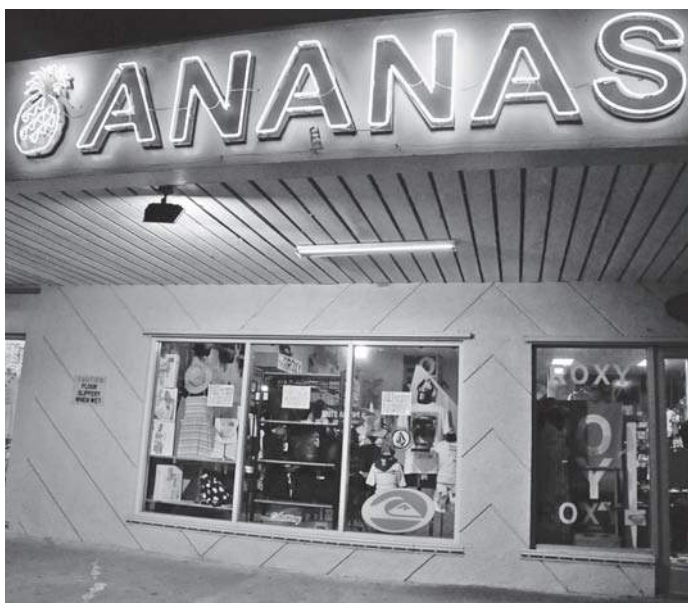

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Ananas will be closing down after 12 years this Friday due to economic recession and immigration uncertainty.

Retail store Ananas in Garapan will be closing down by the end of the month, joining a list of businesses that have closed shop due to immigration uncertainty and the continuing economic downturn.

Ananas, which is owned by M.Y. USA Inc., sells popular brands like Roxy, Billabong, Quicksilver, Abercrombie & Fitch, and Paul Frank at its shop located at the Joeten Shopping Center.

"Business is so bad and lots of stores are already closing," company president Hitoshi Miyawaki said in an interview Monday night.

Miyawaki said that Ananas, which opened its doors to the public 12 years ago, would be the second store that he will close on island. His first store, located at the La Fiesta in San Roque, opened 14 years ago and took a toll when the mall shut down.

But more than the recession, Miyawaki cited the immigration uncertainty as a bigger factor since it discourages small entrepreneurs like him to invest more money to expand their business.

"I cannot ask too much because I'm a foreigner," the Japanese national told *Saipan Tribune*. "But if we have something certain on the visa situation, I could deal with that. But they just don't give us any information."

Miyawaki said he received end of July his E2C visa, a new visa category created pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 which placed the CNMI immigration under federal control. This visa is given to foreign investors who were lawfully admitted to the CNMI before Nov. 28, 2009.

He disclosed that a new business venture with a friend is "still under consideration." But Miyawaki plans to stay on island with his family for the time being or until he figures out what he plans to do next.

Although it has been announced that Ananas will shut down by Aug. 31, Miyawaki noted that it may be extended for another week if there are items that would remain unsold at the end of the month.

Customers can enjoy a 30-percent discount on all items except those that already have marked down prices. Besides retail merchandise, Ananas is also selling its store furniture.

While Ananas caters to both tourists and residents, majority of its clientele are still from the island community, said Miyawaki. He thanked all of Ananas' customers for patronizing the store through the years.

The store's closure would also impact its four remaining employees, half of whom are locals while the other half are contract workers. According to Miyawaki, he used to maintain 10 staff for the two stores.

One employee who has been with Ananas for 14 years said, "I feel sad about the closure because all of us worked together in the same company for a long time and I only have kind words for my employer because he's taken care of and treated us well."

Another employee said, "I've been doing the same job for 12 years so it will be difficult for me to find another job and start all over."

Visit Ananas and take advantage of its closing sale. They are open from 10am to 10pm. All major credit cards accepted.

# *John Gonzales Live* to talk about disability voters' rights

*John Gonzales Live* will talk about disability voters' rights in its broadcast today. Guests include NMPASI Project specialists Tom Thornburgh and Developmental Disabilities Council program coordinator Greg Borja Ray Diaz.

The program airs Wednesday and rebroadcasts on Monday and Tuesday the following week all from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on MCV Channel 14.

*John Gonzales Live* also rebroadcasts worldwide on the web to global Internet radio listening audience on Betelnut Radio (www.betelnutradio.com).

Viewers can participate by calling (287-4230), texting (285-META) (6382), or email johngonzaleslive@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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**Roof Repair & Coating for Tinian Health Center, San Jose Village, Tinian MP**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Roof Repair & Coating for the Tinian Health Center, San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on August 22, 2012 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on September 10, 2012 at the project site. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on September 12, 2012, to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB12-GOV-105"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 am Saipan local time, September 24, 2012. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 am local time, September 24, 2012, by fax to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 24, 2012 and must be received no later than October 1, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 2, 2012. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on September 24, 2012.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asses are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred dollars **($200.00)**, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

# USS Greeneville arrives on Saipan

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A U.S. Navy Los Angeles class submarine arrived Sunday for a five-day recreational visit to Saipan.

The USS *Greeneville* (SSN-772) docked at the seaport at about 10am, bringing with her 17 officers and 133 service members on board.

Commissioned in Newport News, Virginia in 1988, USS *Greeneville* was launched in 1994 and was named for the home of Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the U.S., after the local residents, business community, and government officials initiated a campaign to have a submarine named after a small town instead of a large city.

Upon arrival, USS *Greeneville* was greeted by representatives of its local agent Ambyth Shipping, Saipan seaport manager Maryann Lizama, Marianas Visitors Authority staff, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan and executive director Richard A. Pierce.

Pierce told *Saipan Tribune* that the visiting military personnel were given maps of the island as well as brochures and discount coupons from Chamber members, and were encouraged to visit the Garapan Street Market and other tourist attractions on island.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is set to host a welcoming reception for the visiting vessel from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at Tony Roma's in Garapan.

"Please welcome the USS *Greeneville* SSN-772's military personnel, and continue the tradition of making Saipan the best Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) destination in the western Pacific for our visiting military vessels," said Pierce.

A few family members also flew in from Hawaii and were present to welcome the USS *Greeneville* crew.

The group is led by Commander Martin Muckian, captain, and LCDR David Coe, executive officer.

A USS *Greeneville* (SSN -772) service member hugs his wife and children upon arrival at the seaport Monday morning. The Los Angeles class submarine, which has 17 officers and 133 service members on board, arrived for a five-day visit on island.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

# Chamber kicks off Cash for Trash program

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce kicked off its rejuvenated SCC Cash for Trash Program by awarding $200 to the MP United Football Club for cleaning beach areas from south of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan to the ABC Shopping Center in Garapan.

Twenty-one students and adults, with gloves, trash bags, mosquito spray, rakes, shovels, and enthusiasm, coordinated their efforts and picked up 320 lbs of plastic bottles, broken glass, old tires, empty beverage containers, bags of trash left behind by others, metal BBQ grills, plastic pails, empty alcohol containers, shoes, rebar, metal air conditioning parts, and PVC pipes.

The Cash for Trash Program enables community and student groups to raise money for their causes by giving them an opportunity to clean up designated sites on Saipan, as assigned by the Chamber and provided for by SCC donor companies.

The SCC Cash for Trash Program was originally installed in 1992 by then SCC president Dennis Yoshimoto, and was discontinued in 2005 after president Alex Sablan's term. The newly reformed SCC Environmental Committee adopted the past program, and the SCC board concurred to reinstate the SCC Cash for Trash Program. Saipan Stevedore Company, Dennis Yoshimoto's firm, was the first SCC member to donate and becomes a Patron Member of the SCC Cash for Trash Program.

Current SCC president Douglas Brennan is excited to see the program's revival, and his newly announced collaboration with the Marianas Visitors Authority will allow the effort to go island wide.

Brennan stated, "The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will collaborate with MVA to reach as many other civic, school and non-profit groups as possible. MVA executive director Perry Tenorio was building a parallel program while we were re-launching ours, and this kick-off will bring benefits to our tourism industry as a result that collaboration."

The Chamber, founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976, with its 170 members, is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Chamber works to promote and protect business and civic interests, and the general health and welfare of our islands. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The MP United Football Club was the first recipient of Saipan Chamber of Commerce's rejuvenated Cash for Trash Program with the group cleaning beach areas from south of Fiesta Resort Saipan to the ABC Shopping Center in Garapan.

# Man attacks sister with pot of boiling water, table

Police arrested on Friday a man who allegedly threw a pot of boiling water and table at his sister at their residence in Kagman.

Lorenzo M. Lifoifoi, 36, was taken to the Superior Court Monday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace.

The report did not mention the victim's injuries.

Associate judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $5,250 cash bail for the defendant's temporary release.

Detective Kevin R. Maratita stated in his report that preliminary investigation showed that on Aug. 18, 2012, Lifoifoi got mad at his sister for asking him why he threw the socks that she had placed on the bed.

Maratita said the defendant allegedly kicked his sister, but she avoided it.

Lifoifoi punched a water jug and allegedly threw a pot of boiling water at the victim. The victim backed away, but some of the boiling water splashed on her legs.

The defendant picked up a carrying case of a gas stove and threw it, hitting the victim on the left arm. He also allegedly picked up the table where the gas stove was located and threw it at her, hitting her on the left hip. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Aug. 29, 2000

**Under new law landowners to get full rebate**

Landowners whose lands were bought by the government in cash are expected to be rebated the full amount of the tax they paid in the transaction following the signing of a new law by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio.

The move came amid lawmakers' concerns over potential unfair dealing when the government acquires a private land for right-of-way and other public use.

Under the normal practice, landowners who opt for land exchange do not have to pay taxes in connection with the transaction, while those who agree on cash compensation are taxed.

**Jones wants Corrections, Fire Divisions out of DPS**

The Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations is looking at the possibility of passing a legislation that will remove the Divisions of Corrections and Fire under the Department of Public Safety.

Rep. Dino Jones, chair of the committee, said the proposed measure will adopt the system in Guam where the Fire and Corrections were elevated to department level.

The current setup makes it difficult for the commissioner of Department of Public Safety to allocate funds equally among the three divisions since the immediate concern is to provide priority to the Division of Police, he added.

### Aug. 29, 2004

**NMI declared major disaster area**

Individual assistance of up to $25,600 will soon be available to victims of Supertyphoon Chaba after President Bush declared the Northern Mariana Islands a major disaster area.

Michael D. Brown, Department of Homeland Security undersecretary for emergency preparedness and response, announced in a press statement yesterday that Bush has ordered the release of federal disaster funds for the CNMI to help meet immediate emergency needs in areas struck by Supertyphoon Chaba.

Brown said the President authorized the assistance under a major disaster declaration issued directly after receiving the Federal Emergency Management Agency's analysis of the Commonwealth's request for federal aid. The declaration covers damage from flooding, high surf, storm surge, and high winds spawned by the storm beginning Aug. 21.

**Some public schools to reopen**

Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos has determined that all public schools, with the exception of Garapan, Koblerville, Tanapag and Oleai Elementary Schools and Marianas High School, will be reopened and begin accepting students on Monday, Aug. 30. However, should heavy rains persist over the weekend, San Vicente Elementary School will remain closed.

As for those schools not opening on Monday, the Commissioner, in consultation with the principals, will make a determination on Monday, Aug. 30, as to the reopening date.

On an as-needed-basis, the PSS will update any new development through the radio over the weekend.

### Aug. 29, 2008

**No delay in start of classes**

The first day of school for the Public School System will remain set for Sept. 8.

In a special meeting held yesterday, all five members of the PSS Board of Education voted to stick to the original schedule, saying that, without a definitive assurance there would be power within two weeks, they were hesitant to push the start date back.

Gov. Benigno Fitial had asked board chair Lucy Blanco-Maratita last week to consider pushing back the start of classes two weeks or until reliable power becomes available to Saipan. Aggreko generators are expected to be operational by Sept. 16 or 17, adding 15 to 18 megawatts of power to the island.

"That is a troubling statement right there," said vice chair Herman T. Guerrero. "Two weeks over here can sometimes be two months. What, are we going to start at the beginning of [2009]?"

# Kilili hails use of 'Obamacare' funds to help CHC

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said that he was very encouraged to hear that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. would be getting access to some of the $100 million in new Medicaid funds now available to the Northern Marianas as a result of "Obamacare."

Previously, local officials have said the funds do not exist or that the CNMI could not afford to come up with the required local match.

But the Governor's Special Advisor on Medicaid Program, Esther Muna, was reported to have informed the CHC board on Friday that improved bookkeeping had allowed the CNMI to identify $15 million in local funds to match with the Obamacare money.

Under the 45-55 local-federal match, which is also a result of Obamacare, a $15-million local match would be worth $18.3 million in federal funds.

"Given the crisis in healthcare we face in the Northern Mariana Islands," Sablan said, "the additional $100 million in Medicaid funding that the President and Democratic leadership included in the Affordable Care Act in the previous Congress could not be coming at a better time.

"I am sure that everyone is very glad to hear that CHC is beginning to account for what it spends to treat Medicaid patients and to use those expenditures to match the available federal Medicaid money.

"That means better healthcare for Medicaid patients and for all of us who use CHC."

Together with the $100 million in new Obamacare funds and the existing funding stream there are 140 million in federal Medicaid dollars available to the Commonwealth between July 2011 and September 2019.

"That is about $17.5 million each year," Sablan calculated."Unless, of course, Obamacare is repealed."

Sablan was not speaking hypothetically.In July of this year Republicans in the House Energy and Commerce Committee specifically targeted the new Medicaid money for the Northern Marianas and the other U.S. territories for repeal.

The 30 Republicans on the Committee beat 21 Democrats on a motion not only to take away the Obamacare money, but also to return the local-federal match to 50-50.

"There is no question that we could lose the Medicaid money that we so desperately need," Sablan cautioned.

"House Republicans have voted 33 times to repeal Obamacare.

"Their leadership has repeatedly said they will not give up until Obamacare is off the books, even though the U.S. Supreme Court has found it constitutional," Sablan said.

Meanwhile, officials at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in San Francisco, who are working with Muna on the accounting procedures, told Sablan's office good progress was being made.

They could not predict when the new methodology would be submitted for final approval to CMMS headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, but could say that when approved it will be used to match federal Medicaid dollars retroactive to January of 2012.

The CNMI will not receive a lump sum payment of $18.3 million, however. Some of that federal money has already been drawn down this year, using older accounting practices. The remainder will be placed in a holding account available for draw down each month and subject to year-end reconciliation of all expenditures.

"Change can be difficult," Sablan said. "But the changes that Ms. Muna and CHC officials are making will pay benefits to those who need healthcare in the Northern Marianas.

"Obamacare represents a significant opportunity to improve finances at CHC. We should all be glad to see that this game-changing law is going to have a positive effect here.

"And we should all hope that efforts to repeal the law fail." ***(PR)***

# Korean media to explore golf on Saipan, Rota

Six Korean media outlets, including one of the top newspapers in the country, will arrive on Saipan and Rota this Friday to report on this beach resort destination and highlight golf opportunities.

*DongA Ilbo*, one of Korea's top daily newspapers with a circulation of 2.3-million copies, will visit along with economic dailies *The Aju Business* and *The Seoul Economic Daily*, daily sports newspaper *The Daily Sports Seoul*, and travel trade weekly newspapers *Korea Travel Times* and *Global Travel News*. The combined circulation of all the media attending this FAM(iliarization) tour is 6.7 million copies, and the Northern Marianas will receive $157,000 worth of ad coverage.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is assisting the FAM tour with airfares, ground handling, and filming permits. During their three-day visit, the media will cover golf at Mariana Country Club, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, and Rota Resort & Country Club. Other tourism attractions will be featured, including Mandi Asian Spa, Rota Bird Sanctuary, DFS Galleria, I Love Saipan store, SandCastle Saipan dinner show, and Hanamitsu Spa. While on Rota, the group will also take time for an island tour. Lodging will be at Mariana Resort & Spa and Rota Resort & Country Club.

As of June this fiscal year, visitor arrivals from Korea to the Northern Marina are up 17 percent to 94,160.

"Since November 2011, monthly arrivals from Korea have shown consistent growth compared to the same months the previous year. This underscores the growing value of the Korea market," said MVA Marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Supporting FAM tours such as this are an excellent investment and a way of getting the best value for MVA's advertising dollar, as the resulting stories will provide major publicity coverage that we could not afford to purchase outright."

The MVA will also provide a Korean-speaking staff member to assist the media during their visit. ***(PR)***

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, right, hands a hand-carved token to American Samoa Gov. Togiola Tulafano during last week's U.S. Coral Reef Task Force 28th meeting in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

# Fitial speaks at AAPI Republican summit

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida**—Gov. Benigno R. Fitial joined the nation's Asian American & Pacific Islander Republicans in supporting Mitt Romney's GOP presidential nomination.

The event, widely attended by the most influential Asian and Pacific island leaders throughout the nation, was held at the Mirror Lake Lyceum.

The event's first three speakers were Republican National Committee chair Reince Priebus, Gov. Bob McDonnell (R-Virginia), and Gov. Benigno Fitial (R-Northern Mariana Islands).

Priebus underscored the need to replace a failed Democrat White House and the need to maintain Republican control of the U.S. House of Representatives and the hopes of taking over the U.S. Senate majority.

McDonnell echoed the need for all Americans to support and elect Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan as the nation's next president and vice president. The Virginia governor also talked about the importance of Asian business investments in the American economy.

Following McDonnell's remarks, Fitial addressed the attendees and pointed to the significance of the Asian countries as essentially the bedrock of the NMI's economy through tourism and foreign investments.

Fitial noted how much the Asian community has contributed to the islands through large and small investments and tourism. Fitial expressed his appreciation for the support of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders toward the United States and its territories.

Fitial, also the state chairman of the NMI Republicans, along with the NMI convention delegates, will join the rest of the GOP delegates on Tuesday in casting their votes to select Mitt Romney as the GOP's candidate for the President of the United States of America. ***(PR)***

# Hagåtña revitalization survey results released

The University of Guam's Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives (PCEI) is pleased to share the results of a survey on "Factors for Attracting Guam Residents to Downtown Hagåtña." The survey was conducted from March 2012 to June 2012 to help determine what would attract local residents, military personnel and their dependents and tourists to visit the downtown Hagåtña area.

A total of 400 individuals responded to the survey questions, either through face-to-face interviews or via an electronic survey. This study is part of an initiative to address the revitalization of Guam's downtown capital as an economic development strategy through a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The results serve as a useful reference for urban planners and policymakers.

"The main result of our study is telling. Respondents did not visit downtown Hagåtña frequently because there is 'nothing to do or no reason to go' and because it is 'too far away,'" said Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, Dean of the UOG School of Business and Public Administration and PCEI Project Director. "Not only does this point to the lack of attractions in downtown Hagåtña, but that current attractions might not be worthwhile enough to drive the distance and incur the gas expense to visit."

The study shows that visits to downtown Hagåtña would increase if there were more retail stores, sit-down restaurants, parks and entertainment venues/theaters. In addition, when survey respondents were presented with several options, respondents gravitated toward options that highlight the island culture and address our community's economic needs as most important to consider with regard to revitalizing downtown Hagåtña.

Dr. Maria Claret M. Ruane, UOG professor of economics, and Dr. Fred R. Schumann, UOG assistant professor of Global Resource Management, coauthored the report. ***(PR)***

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## EDITORIAL

# US should encourage respect in Egypt for individual rights

No manifestation of the "Arab Spring" was more dramatic than the popular uprising that ousted Egypt's longtime autocrat, Hosni Mubarak. Until recently, however, it was unclear whether a broad-based revolution would be sabotaged either by a military coup or by an elected Islamist government unwilling to govern in an inclusive way.

There will be many opportunities still for this revolution to go awry, but the Egyptian military and President Mohamed Morsi, the candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood, have worked out an arrangement that moves the country in a democratic direction without—so far—abridging the rights of minorities or undermining Egypt's international obligations. And although American influence over Egypt's political progression was always limited, the Obama administration deserves credit for using the leverage it did possess to press the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to cede some of its authority.

Egypt is a huge country and the cultural capital of the Arab world. It also plays a unique geopolitical role. When the late President Anwar Sadat signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, he effectively eliminated the possibility of another general war in the Middle East. His successor, Mubarak, also played a constructive role on the world stage, but at home he presided over a corrupt and sometimes brutal regime whose violations of human rights were too often blinked at by his allies in the United States.

After Mubarak's departure, power was assumed by the already influential Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. The council acquiesced in parliamentary elections in which the Brotherhood's party and other Islamists gained a commanding role, but later dissolved the parliament pursuant to a decision by a court of Mubarak-appointed judges. Then, minutes after the end of voting in a runoff presidential election, the council issued a decree giving the military authority to veto a presidential declaration of war, control of the national budget and immunity from presidential oversight.

Responding to those actions, the Obama administration, which had been criticized in Congress for approving continued military aid to Egypt, warned that anti-democratic decisions by the military "are naturally going to have an impact on the nature of our engagement." It's impossible to be sure whether that warning induced the military to adopt a more accommodating policy, but the fact is that the generals later made at least temporary peace with elected leaders. They did not resist decisions by Morsi to order the retirement of Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, the head of the council, and to abrogate a constitutional declaration that gave the military widespread authority in executive matters.

The struggle between the military and Egypt's civilian leaders is likely to persist even after the adoption of a new constitution and further parliamentary elections. As in Turkey, the military in Egypt sees itself as the guardian of both national security and modernity. It also is heavily involved in the Egyptian economy. But, for now at least, the generals seem to have abandoned any effort to reduce Morsi to the status of a figurehead.

As for the president, he continues to insist that Egypt will abide by its international obligations, including the treaty with Israel.

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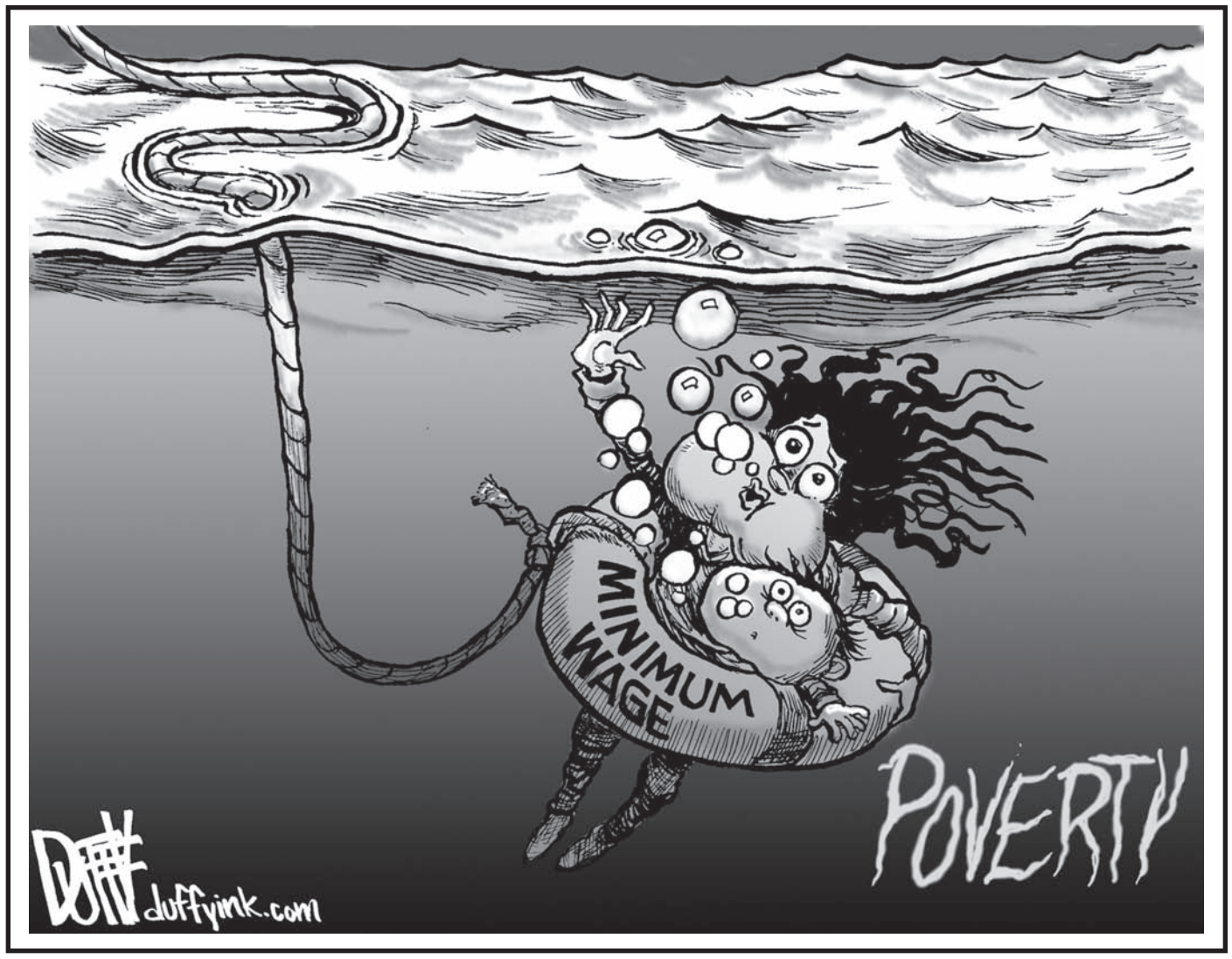


# The call for impeachment

The House Minority has filed its impeachment resolution against the governor. Basically, it focuses on two allegations: 1). The abuse of authority violating what is permitted under the NMI constitution. 2). Various questionable actions that include boilerplate contracts bypassing certain procurement regulatory requirements, among others.

Meanwhile, the governor leaves the sunshine state or Florida crossing the country to attend a ballgame in Idaho. Yes, a ballgame amidst a huge storm in the fiscal trauma riddled with glaring budgetary shortfalls for CHC, the Fund, PSS, and others. A lot of folks have asked with disgust why the apathy and arrogance when the NMI steadily sinks into a fiscal sinkhole.

An impeachment is a formal accusation issued by the Legislature against a public official charged with crime or other serious misconduct. The formal accusation requires approval by the NMI House of Representatives.

If the lower chamber approves it, it moves to the Senate where the actual trial is conducted. Upon conviction, the accused is prohibited from continuing in his capacity as a public official. He still could face trial in court for the same offenses.

The issue is a serious constitutional matter. The process would be an involved and protracted undertaking. Definitely, it would be a test of intellectual integrity and resiliency to stand for what's right by lawmakers in both chambers. We should see how this heavy event unfolds in the next couple of weeks.

The mounting pressure would be unbearably difficult to navigate in rational fashion. It could reach an explosive point where threats and violence become part of the brewing controversy. It shows that it requires fully poised lawmakers whose knees are firm when the going gets rough. We'll also see who isn't fearful of sticking to integrity and principled-base reasoning to dispose of the issue with a sense of fairness.

The onus to successfully move the issue forward is in the hands of the minority block that authored the resolution for impeachment. It's up to their colleagues to weigh the issues before them for appropriate disposition. It makes for an interesting observation given that this is an election year. Would Republican legislators have the courage to face up to their fiduciary duties or conveniently tuck their tails and call in sick? It's a Catch 22 situation: damned if you do or damned if you don't!

The governor would find this week embarrassingly unsettling. There's the impeachment, a decision by the national Republicans to keep him away from Romney in the RNC convention, a humiliating budget-less situation at CHC while he crosses the entire Pacific Ocean and the country for meetings that include the fate of reefs and a ballgame in Idaho. The apathy and grand sense of inconsequence has reached unbearable points and the sentiment found in the move for his impeachment was met with a sigh of relief from across the archipelago.

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*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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## Abyss of fiscal calamity

Just as the NMI sinks into the miseries of abject poverty triggered by the consistently deepening economic meltdown, you would think the elected officials would bravely and aggressively step forward to do something about it. At least, their weak-kneed radiant sense of confidence could brace our beaten eyebrows from any further slide into the miseries of abject poverty.

But they have also embraced deafening silence too pusillanimous (too weak) to rescue our people from the privation (poverty) they've created and manifested in the severe decline of the quality of life in these isles. Though we may be dying of stage four cancer; we want our doctor to work with confidence as he deals with the irreversible nature of our illness. We ask for nothing less.

Are key politicians so inebriated (drunk) in their teeny world of self-concocted invincibility? It's inexplicably stunning their arrogance wrapped in dismissive acquiescence.

Admirable though the courage of the House Minority Bloc who refuses to acquiesce the administration's insolence. How pleasant its action tales that there's still hope in paradise. Win, lose or draw at least the minority's sentiment reflects that of the majority who pine for some semblance of leadership in a consistently deepening and listless economy.

Out of lengthy neglect and arrogance, it becomes even clearer by the day that this administration's single most vital agenda is depravity against governance. Sorry, none of us will fall for it. Nah! We still could pick-up the pieces and run with it seriously or fatally injured we may be. The resiliency to do it right atop the ship of hope is more than sufficient to get us there limping or otherwise.

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## Congressional representation

Former Guam delegate Robert Underwood briefly explained recently in *Marianas Agupa* why territories aren't given full representation. As he put it, there's representation of the 50 states established under the U.S. Constitution. Representation of territories is a creature of the U.S. Congress—established by federal law—thus the absence of rights and

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# 'I move' in Paralympics

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Three agitos (agito = "I move" in Latin, from which the word agitate comes from) comprise the semi-crescent strokes that enflames the Paralympics logo replacing the five-rings of the regular Olympic flag.

This active symbol replaced the tae-guk (that were shaped like vertical 'comma', based on original Zhongwen characters from the tai chi) used since the 60s until the last one in Beijing.

The Paralympics (aka, ParaOlympics) begins in London today in the same site where the recently completed London 2012 Olympics was held. I do not know of the exact similarity of events, but I was watching a newsclip of soccer players practicing their goal kicks blindfolded. The broadcast was in Chinese so I did not get the substance of the story, but I surmised that the disabled athletes were trying to add another sensibility other than visual to their perception.

Not too long ago, I watched a Chinese couple in a dance called Hand in Hand, where the female dancer has only one arm, and the male partner is one leg short wobbling on crutches. Well, wobbling is hardly appropriate to describe his moves. The performance was incredible, to say the least. (Hand in Hand is the title of the Seoul Olympics' song that we sing in our Oral English class.)

Being a father of two children with ASD (Autism), I joined Saipan's disabilities families, even advocating at one time for the change in the 'labeling' of 'disability' since it denotes a negative state of being rather than just the way it is for some folks as a matter of birth or accident. From 'disability' to 'differently-abled' was our suggestion, but some seemed to think that we are just splitting hairs to hide a limitation.

Incredible video clips have come across our table through the years, of folks overcoming the limitations of their 'disability' to perform wonderful feats. There were the girls who did combined synchronized acrobatics whose moves demanded precision and timing. They were totally blind!

There was also the autistic young man who was flown over New York for a day, and then left to his own devices to record his memory of his trip. Not verbally or literally but visually, he sketched what he saw on the walls of his room, scenes after scences of sections of New York, in detail and with fealty to accuracy.

We also recall the autistic Dustin Hoffman character in the Rainman opposite the dashing younger brother played by Tom Cruise count the number of toothpicks in a container, or the sequence of appearances in a hand of suffled cards.

London is particularly sentimental re the paralympics. It was in the shadows of the '48 Olympics that a medical officer organized games for those who suffered from spinal cord damage during WWII. That was a precursor to the paralympics.

Queen Elizabeth the Second will open the games (sans James Bond this time, I believe). She has been Queen for nearly 60 years, second only in longevity to Victoria who lasted for 63, and considered one of the stabilizing forces in the sunset of the British Empire. England's national identity was launched by her namesake Elizabeth I whose reign began with the suspicion that the French supported her sister Mary Queen of Scot. Famous in English studies, Elizabeth the First was the daughter of infamous coupling of Henry VIII and Anne Bolyn. She is also known as the Virgin Queen for allegedly maintaining her maidenhood until death. An aside, but an interesting one!

The focus of the paralympics, of course, is the athletes from 165 countries. We are used to thinking of athletes as physical superstars, thus, the paralympics serve as a counterpoint, though the paralympic athletes' preparation are no less rigorous than those of their counterparts in the regular Games, nor the efforts less super.

The plight of the disabled in society has been the subject of long held cultural discrimination against those we would rather keep at the back of the house. There are still some folks who refer to those born with Down syndrome as Mongoloids, a refection of anti-Sino sentiments of the past.

In a litigious society like that of the United States where getting a lawyer and heading for Court is often the path of first recourse, the CNMI is favored by the services of the folks of NMPASI re provisions of the disabilities' laws. Those unsure of their rights and prerogatives as a person with disability (or, even in doubt on who is legally qualified by the definition), give the folks a call. They are in the yellow pages.

Devoid of the superstar reputation of some athletes, the Paralympics, nevertheless, will field national idols considered exceptional in their games. Twenty-five percent of the reporters covering the games for Channel 4 in England (that programmed 500 hours of broadcast) will be from the ranks of the differently-abled, a sign of the growing sign that those who once were avoided in normal society are simply aspects of the diversity of the social and natural order that we come to respect in our time. BTW, one of my grandsons has been diagnosed with ASD, now in today's incidence ration, one out of 57. My son, 15 years ago was one out of 1500! Pretty soon, the diversity among the differently-abled will catch up with those on the abled list.

For now, let the Games begin.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Open letter to judge Kenneth Govendo

I realize that there may be some pressure being placed on the local court to move the NMIRF vs. CNMI case into receivership in order to stave off any federal attempts at possible federal mediation or federal receivership. I would like to publicly request that if you are considering the idea of placing the NMIRF into local receivership that you suspend such action until after the Roe/Doe case has had a chance to be heard in federal court.

It appears that the delay tactics that were orchestrated by the OAG and the administration have finally run out and they both realize that they have nowhere else to turn but back to the local judiciary for any further attempts to delay. They have exhausted an attempt at federal bankruptcy and have even attempted a hostile takeover of the NMIRF through an emergency declaration. That EO has been suspended and is being challenged at this moment in Federal Court.

I believe that at the heart of all of their attempts is a deep desire to prevent this government from ever having to make good on the local court judgment and to keep full control over the NMIRF and its dwindling assets. There has been to date no attempt at establishing a payment plan for the past judgment. They have gone one step further and since the judgment, this government has still continued to violate the law you cited them on and still refuses to pay the full amount of their constitutionally mandated contributions.

I believe that the OAG and the administration's final attempt to retain full control of the NMIRF and prevent any third party oversight will be a strong push for you to place the NMIRF into local receivership. If this is the case, I would humbly ask you to suspend any action on that front until the federal courts are finally given the ability to mediate this matter via the Roe/Doe lawsuit.

Although it may appear that receivership in any forum would be in the best interest, we know based on past case history, both here and in Guam, that the federal venue will allow the following:

- A federally appointed receiver who would be unbiased and unconflicted.
- The fully federally-funded enforcement of the local judement that could make use of the U.S. Marshall Service and all other federal government resources needed to implement the collection and establish a workable payment plan.
- Availability of appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court should any obstacles prevent a just outcome at the base level

By contrast, these are a few issues that would be present in any form of local receivership:

- Based on previous recommendations from the NMIRF a locally appointed receiver may be conflicted, biased, and a player who is a current or previously intimately involved with the NMIRF or the local government.
- All judiciary costs of monitoring the receiver and his progress would fall on the local taxpayers as a CNMI Judiciary expense.
- Enforcement of any ruling would be limited to local enforcement personnel who are beholden to this administration.
- And most importantly, unlike a federal receiver, a local receiver would be unable to enforce the court judgment without first a CNMI Legislative appropriation

There have been some very notable federal cases that we can look towards as positive examples of federal intervention dealing with local fiscal mismanagement. Most recently there was federal court judge Consuelo's decision in the Guam taxpayer class-action lawsuit regarding unpaid and delay tax refunds: (Federal judge's ruling requires significant, lasting cuts to budget (http://www.guampdn.com/article/20120823/OPINION01/208230323/No-option-Federal-judge-s-ruling-requires-significant-lasting-cuts-budget).

My last note is in regards to the seeming double talk that has come from both the NMIRF, themselves, and the OAG in what seem to be an attempt to make you the "fall guy." We can all remember the Status Conference on Feb. 26, 2010 (http://kixproductions.com/cnmiretiree/2012/03/13/status-hearing-from-over-2-years-ago), when Fund attorneys Viola Alepuyo (now acting attorney general, the office fighting against the NMIRF) and Deborah Fisher stated in open court that they were adamantly opposed to federal receivership because of the potential for cuts to pension benefits that may result. However just a few months ago, Viola and the NMIRF, attempted to get your court to issue pension benefit cuts. When that failed they attempted to turn toward federal bankruptcy court with the main intent of cutting pension benefits. The NMIRF has also made no major move or statement to oppose the latest emergency declaration issued by governor Fitial that would allow for the NMIRF to be completely engulfed by the administration, this roll over coming after years of seemingly fighting against the same Administration in your court room.

I apologize for my brash words and bluntness in such a public setting but things have gotten to that point. After careful consideration, I believe this is my best recourse.

**Glen D. Hunter**
*Via email*

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privileges accorded state senators and representatives.

We can kick our feet rage and rant but that won't alter any sentiment for full representation. Too, it would require ratification of at least 38 states in order for territories to be granted full representation. This is one long and arduous journey that would take years before anyone among the fifty states would even listen to our inconsequential voices.

Hope it is also understood that the NMI would be required to pay financial contribution to the federal coffers as a member of the U.S. Congress. I don't know the initial figure but imagine if we have to pitch-in today. We can't even pay for hospital operations nor keep the Fund from going broke. It's a matter of fiscal responsibility as a member!

Admirable Underwood's recommendation that we seriously and realistically weigh radical aspirations versus the benefits we receive from the feds as territories. If our desire were one of statehood, would such aspiration morph into our joining the State of Hawaii as Hawaii Five-O?

Or would reintegration with Guam lead to becoming the 51st state? Is this an arrangement we could work out with political maturity or would it devolve into ethnicity and geography? It's a long journey though future scholars would perhaps pick it up as an issue to forge a unified Marianas. It's all up to our children.

## US

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After militants killed 16 Egyptian soldiers near the border with Israel, Morsi dismissed his intelligence chief and, in cooperation with the Egyptian military, is now working with the United States on new measures to rein in militants in the increasingly lawless Sinai.

Reassuring Israel is only one challenge facing Morsi. He also needs to demonstrate to Christians and other minorities that his Islamic government will protect their liberties. A perception that the new Egypt was indifferent to violence or indulgent of extremists would undermine not only U.S. financial support for Egypt but also the foreign tourism and investment on which its economy is so dependent.

Having only belatedly supported Mubarak's departure, the United States may have less leverage with Egypt's new civilian leaders than it does with that country's military. But when Morsi visits this country next month, President Obama should emphasize a reality that Morsi himself seems to understand: To prosper, the new Egypt must be not only democratic but also respectful of individual rights.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 5 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲87° ▼76° | ▲87 ° ▼76° | ▲87° ▼76° | ▲87° ▼78° | ▲88° ▼77° |

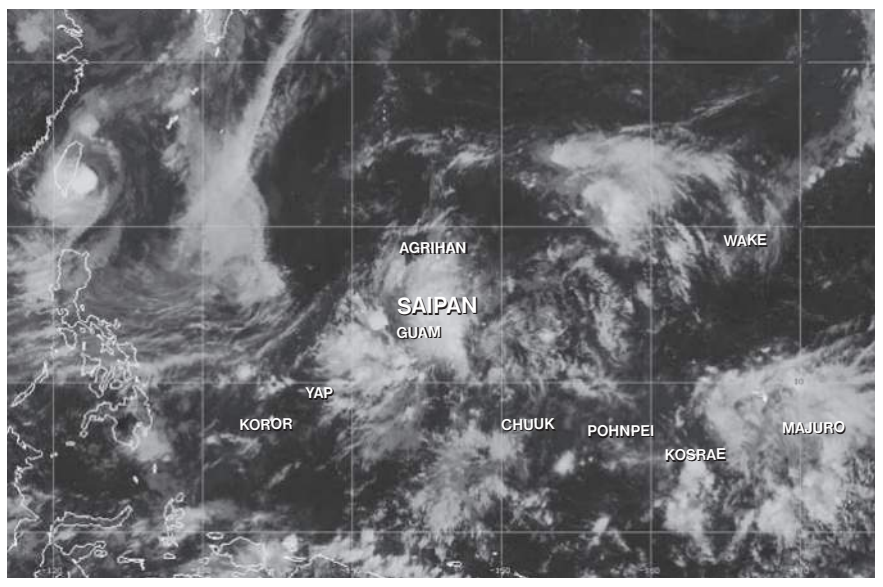
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Mostly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼76 |
| Palau | Showers | ▲87 | ▼76 |
| Yap | Showers | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Showers | ▲87 | ▼76 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲87 | ▼76 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Majuro | Showers | ▲88 | ▼76 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲60 | ▼48 |
| Beijing | Thundershowers | ▲91 | ▼70 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲93 | ▼82 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼75 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲71 | ▼62 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼59 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Melbourne | Sunny | ▲66 | ▼49 |
| Miami | Rain | ▲86 | ▼80 |
| New York | Thundershowers | ▲82 | ▼71 |
| Osaka | Cloudy | ▲92 | ▼77 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲78 | ▼59 |
| Pusan | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼78 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲88 | ▼69 |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | ▲78 | ▼54 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲65 | ▼55 |
| Seoul | Rain | ▲81 | ▼74 |
| Tokyo | Cloudy | ▲91 | ▼77 |
| Washington, DC | Thundershowers | ▲90 | ▼74 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Over the northern Philippine Sea the surface winds are converging and triggering scattered showers within 125 miles of a line from 15N134E to 25N132E. A weak circulation is near Yap at 9N136E with a trough stretching northeastward to 20N146E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are from near Yap to across the Mariana Islands within 300 miles of a line from 8N140E to 17N147E. A disturbance just southwest of Chuuk is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between the Equator and 7N from 145E to 152E. Strong trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Kosrae across the Marshall Islands and Tarawa between the Equator and 10N from 162E to the date line. Low-level convergence and upper-level divergence are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Wake island between 20N and 25N 153E to 161E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12:37 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 5:46 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 1:05 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 7:55 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:04 AM | 6:31 PM |
| Thursday | 6:04 AM | 6:31 PM |
| Friday | 6:04 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday | 6:05 AM | 6:29 PM |
| Sunday | 6:05 AM | 6:28 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 4:36PM | 3:34 AM |
| Thursday | 5:22PM | 4:31 AM |
| Friday | 6:04PM | 5:26 AM |
| Saturday | 6:45PM | 6:18 AM |
| Sunday | 7:25PM | 7:10 AM |

*Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.*

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### DEPARTURES

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 2:40am | 3:10am | 1, 3, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:35am | 5:25am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:30am | 12:20pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:50pm | 7:40pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:55pm | 10:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL285 | 6:30am | 9:15am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606/120 | 2:20am | 8:50pm | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/120 | 2:50am | 8:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| 0Z606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 0Z604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:00pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | Daily via GUM |
| UA5076/193 | 3:10pm | 10:25pm | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| 0Z604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |
| UA5072/PR111 | 9:55pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50pm | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5076/147 | 3:10pm | 9:45pm | 1, 5 via GUM |
| 0Z604/723 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 3:40am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 via SPN |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 3:40am | 4:15am | 1, 3, 5 |

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 2:40am | 4:15am | 1, 3, 5 via ROP |
| UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5071 | 7:10am | 8:00am | Daily |
| UA5073 | 10:05am | 10:55am | Daily |
| UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5077 | 5:25pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| UA5079 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL286 | 7:40pm | 12:15am +1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | Daily |

**OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z119/606 | 9:30am | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z119/606 | 9:30am | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| 0Z605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 0Z605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL172/288 | 7:50am | 12:50am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 10:55am | 6:15pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:25pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:10pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA192/5071 | 9:45pm | 8:00am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| UA184/5071 | 10:55pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:25pm | 8:00am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| 0Z704/603 | 11:40pm | 2:20pm+1 | Daily via ICN |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z724/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| UA180/5071 | 10:35pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

# Business

## Apple lists 8 Samsung products it wants banned

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Apple Inc. on Monday gave a federal judge a list of eight Samsung Electronics Co. products it wants pulled from shelves and banned from the U.S. market, including popular Galaxy model smartphones.

U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh asked for the list after a jury in San Jose last week slammed Samsung with a $1.05 billion verdict, finding that the South Korean technology giant had "willfully" copied Apple's iPhone and iPad in creating and marketing the products. Samsung plans an appeal.

AP

The Apple iPhone 4s, left, is displayed next to the Samsung Galaxy S III at a store in San Francisco, Monday, Aug. 27, 2012.

The products Apple wants out are all smartphones: Galaxy S 4G, Galaxy S2 AT&T, Galaxy S2, Galaxy S2 T-Mobile, Galaxy S2 Epic 4G, Galaxy S Showcase, Droid Charge and Galaxy Prevail.

Koh on June 26 banned the Galaxy Tab 10.1 from the U.S. market after finding it likely violated a "design patent." Samsung is now asking for that ban to be lifted after the jury found the computer tablet didn't infringe that particular patent, but it did find it infringed three Apple's software patents that cover the popular "bounce-back" and pinch-to-zoom features.

The judge has scheduled a Sept. 20 hearing to discuss Apple's demands for the sales bans. She asked Apple on Friday to submit the list of products its wants removed from U.S. stores after Samsung complained that it doesn't have enough time to prepare for the scheduled hearing.

The judge is deciding whether to reschedule the hearing to give Samsung more time to prepare. Samsung plans to ask the judge to toss out the jury's verdict as unsupported by the evidence. Failing that, the company says it will appeal the verdict to higher courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

In addition to the sales bans, Apple also plans to ask the judge to triple the damages to $3.15 billion because of the jury's finding that Samsung "willfully" copied Apple.

## HP, Dell: PC makers in desperate need of a reboot

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Hewlett-Packard Co. used to be known as a place where innovative thinkers flocked to work on great ideas that opened new frontiers in technology. These days, HP is looking behind the times.

Coming off a five-year stretch of miscalculations, HP is in such desperate need of a reboot that many investors have written off its chances of a comeback.

Consider this: Since Apple Inc. shifted the direction of computing with the release of the iPhone in June 2007, HP's market value has plunged by 60 percent to $35 billion. During that time, HP has spent more than $40 billion on dozens of acquisitions that have largely turned out to be duds so far.

"Just think of all the value that they have destroyed," ISI Group analyst Brian Marshall said. "It has been a case of just horrible management."

Marshall traces the bungling to the reign of Carly Fiorina, who pushed through an acquisition of Compaq Computer a decade ago despite staunch resistance from many shareholders, including the heirs of HP's co-founders. After HP ousted Fiorina in 2005, other questionable deals and investments were made by two subsequent CEOS, Mark Hurd and Leo Apotheker.

HP hired Meg Whitman 11 months ago in the latest effort to salvage what remains of one of the most hallowed names in Silicon Valley 73 years after its start in a Palo Alto, Calif., garage.

The latest reminder of HP's ineptitude came last week when the company reported an $8.9 billion quarterly loss, the largest in the company's history. Most of the loss stemmed from an accounting charge taken to acknowledge that HP paid far too much when it bought technology consultant Electronic Data Systems for $13 billion in 2008.

HP might have been unchallenged for the ignominious title as technology's most troubled company if not for one its biggest rivals, Dell Inc.

## Most Americans say the rich don't pay enough taxes

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—As the income gap between rich and poor widens, a majority of Americans say the growing divide is bad for the country and believe that wealthy people are paying too little in taxes, according to a new survey.

The poll released Monday by the Pew Research Center points to a particular challenge for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, whose party's policies are viewed by a wide majority as favoring the rich over the middle class and poor.

The poll found that many Americans believe rich people to be intelligent and hardworking but also greedy and less honest than the average American. Nearly six in 10, or 58 percent, say the rich don't pay enough in taxes, while 26 percent believe the rich pay their fair share and 8 percent say they pay too much.

Even among those who describe themselves as "upper class" or "upper middle class," more than half—or 52 percent—said upper-income Americans don't pay enough in taxes; only 10 percent said they paid too much. This upper tier was more likely to say they are more financially secure now than 10 years ago—62 percent, compared to 44 percent for those who identified themselves as middle class and 29 percent for the lower class. They are less likely to report problems in paying rent or mortgage, losing a job, paying for medical care or other bills and cutting back on household expenses.

The findings come at the start of this week's Republican National Convention and as both Romney and President Barack Obama seek to appeal to a broad swath of financially struggling voters who identify as middle class. Romney supports an extension of Bush-era tax cuts for everyone including the wealthiest 2 percent, and says his policies will benefit the middle class by boosting the economy and creating jobs.

# Nation

## A subdued start for GOP convention as Isaac surges

**TAMPA, Fla.** (AP)—Republicans staged a remarkably subdued opening to Mitt Romney's national convention Monday in the midst of a turbulent election year, wary of uncorking a glittery political celebration as Tropical Storm Isaac surged menacingly toward New Orleans and the northern Gulf Coast.

There was speculation that the Republican man of the hour would make an unannounced visit to the convention hall Tuesday night when his wife, Ann, was on the speaking program. The campaign would confirm only that he was flying to town in time to do so.

Virtually every party leader spoke somberly of the storm's potential damage during the day, including the candidate. "Our thoughts are with the people that are in the storm's path and hope that they're spared any major destruction," said Romney, the man seeking to defeat Democratic President Barack Obama.

Though Republicans are intent on turning the campaign's focus back to the nation's sluggish economic growth and high unemployment, a comment Romney made on abortion reintroduced a topic that had taken over campaign discussion last week. In a CBS interview, he said he opposes abortions except "in the case of rape and incest, and the health and life of the mother."

That underscored his difference of opinion on the subject with his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, as well as with his own convention platform, which opposes all abortions.

Any exceptions made solely on the basis of a woman's health have drawn particularly fierce criticism from abortion foes for years, and Romney's aides said he wasn't advocating an exemption on that basis alone.

"Governor Romney's position is clear: He opposes abortion except for cases of rape, incest and where the life of the mother is threatened," said Andrea Saul, a spokeswoman.

The convention's first session lasted scarcely a minute, just long enough for the party's chairman, Reince Priebus, to rap a gavel and declare the gathering open for business. As he did, high above the floor, numbers began flashing across an electronic tally board labeled "Debt from Convention Start," meant to show the government steadily borrowing under Obama's leadership throughout the convention.

## Isaac threat to Gulf Coast well beyond New Orleans

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—With its massive size and ponderous movement, Tropical Storm Isaac was gaining strength Monday as it headed toward the Gulf Coast. The next 24 hours would determine whether it brought the usual punishing rains and winds—or something even more destructive harkening back to the devastation wrought seven years ago by Hurricane Katrina.

The focus has been on New Orleans as Isaac takes dead aim at the city, but the impact will be felt well beyond the city limits. The storm's winds could be felt more than 200 miles from the storm's center.

The Gulf Coast region has been saturated thanks to a wet summer, and some officials have worried more rain could make it easy for trees and power lines to fall over in the wet ground. Too much water also could flood crops, and wind could topple plants such as corn and cotton.

"A large, slow-moving system is going to pose a lot of problems: winds, flooding, storm surge and even potentially down the road river flooding," said Richard Knabb, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "That could happen for days after the event."

The storm's potential for destruction was not lost on Alabama farmer Bert Driskell, who raises peanuts, cotton, wheat, cattle and sod on several thousand acres near Grand Bay, in Mobile County.

"We don't need a lot of water this close to harvest," Driskell said.

However, Isaac could bring some relief to places farther inland where farmers have struggled with drought. It also may help replenish a Mississippi River that has at times been so low that barge traffic is halted so engineers can scrape the bottom to deepen it.

Forecasters predicted Isaac would intensify into a Category 2 hurricane, with winds of about 100 mph, by early Wednesday around the time it's expected to make landfall. The current forecast track has the storm aimed at New Orleans, but hurricane warnings extended across 280 miles from Morgan City, La., to the Florida-Alabama state line. It could become the first hurricane to hit the Gulf Coast since 2008.

Evacuations were ordered for some low-lying areas and across the region, people boarded up homes, stocked up on supplies and got ready for the storm. Schools, universities and businesses closed in many places.

## Can Curiosity Mars mission inspire like Apollo?

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Neil Armstrong inspired millions with his moonwalk. Can a feisty robotic rover exploring Mars do the same for another generation? With manned missions beyond the International Space Station on hold, the spotlight has turned on machines.

While it did not rise to Armstrong's "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," interest was so high in the rover Curiosity's "seven minutes of terror" approach to the red planet earlier this month that NASA's website crashed after receiving nearly 2 billion hits. The rover last week beamed home photographs of its first wheel tracks on the Martian soil since its daredevil landing

"There's something exciting about reaching another place in the solar system. If you think about the kind of interest the landing of Curiosity had, you get a sense of that," said Smithsonian Institution space curator Roger Launius. It wasn't on the same level as Armstrong's feat, "but it was pretty darn exciting," he said.

When Armstrong, then fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin, stepped on the moon on July 20, 1969, an estimated 600 million people watched and listened. "Virtually the entire world took that memorable journey with us," recalled Buzz Aldrin after Armstrong's death Saturday.

Early in the Space Age, the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo astronauts were the public face of NASA's space endeavor while the unmanned lunar missions that paved the way were in the shadows. The public craved adventure and the manned missions delivered. Aiming for the moon was new and exciting—not to mention dangerous—and the U.S. was locked in a Cold War space race with the Soviets.

Next, the space shuttle ferried a new crop of astronauts to low-Earth orbit, but after three decades of service, it became routine. And the Cold War thawed with the Russians and Americans cooperating on the Russian space station Mir and the International Space Station.

# Asia

## Fearful Pakistani Christians make home in forest

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Having fled their homes in the latest spasm of Pakistani religious strife, a few hundred Christians have camped in a forest in the Pakistani capital, cut down trees and are using the branches to build a church.

Their ordeal began when a Christian girl in their poor Islamabad neighborhood was accused by a neighbor of burning pages of the Quran—a blasphemy by Pakistani law that can mean life in prison.

A week after the girl's arrest, much remains in question: her age—11 to 16 in conflicting reports; mental condition—Down syndrome has been mentioned; and what exactly she was burning—there's little evidence that Quran pages were involved.

But as word spread, hundreds of people gathered outside her house demanding action, and on Aug. 20 police arrested the girl pending an investigation. (The Associated Press is withholding her name because it does not generally identify underage suspects.)

Most Christians in the neighborhood fled—some 600 families according to one interfaith group. Some said their landlords evicted them. A few have returned.

One of those who moved into the forest on Sunday was Sumera Zahid, who was busy feeding her three children and her parents.

"We used to come here to collect wood for fuel so we find it a suitable place for shelter," she said. "Here it is not anybody's home, nobody's land. Let us live here in safety."

On Monday their pastor, Arif Masih, spoke to them by the frame of branches they were lashing together for their church.

"We are thankful to the Lord for this land although here is no water and food, but rest assured the Lord will create water fountains and provide all fruits here for you if you remain patient and suffer these hardships, thanking the Lord," he said.

Blasphemy is an extremely sensitive issue in this 95-percent Muslim nation of 190 million people, and cases often grab huge attention here and abroad.

Crowds have been known to beat or kill suspected blasphemers. Last year two prominent politicians who criticized the blasphemy law were murdered, one by his own bodyguard who then attracted adoring mobs. In July, thousands of people dragged a Pakistani man accused of desecrating the Quran from a police station, beat him to death and set his body alight.

So volatile is the issue that public figures appear loath to speak out on the latest episode. The government has made little substantive comment, and no police protection was evident at the forest encampment.

On Monday the All Pakistan Ulema Council, an umbrella organization of Muslim clerics, held a news conference together with the Pakistan Interfaith League, the group that reports 600 families have fled and is campaigning to return them to their homes.

The two groups called for an investigation into whether the girl was wrongly accused and what role religious extremism played. League chairman Sajid Ishaq demanded government compensation for the displaced Christians, as well as protection.

## 2 Tibetan teens die after self-immolating in China

**BEIJING** (AP)—Two Tibetan teenagers died after setting themselves on fire outside a monastery in southwest China in the latest such protests against Chinese rule, an overseas rights group said Tuesday.

The incidents pushed the number of confirmed self-immolations to 51 since 2009, London-based Free Tibet said in a statement.

The group said 18-year-old monk Lobsang Kalsang and 17-year-old former monk Damchoek set themselves on fire Monday outside Kirti Monastery in Sichuan province's Aba county. They died later in the day after they were taken to a hospital by Chinese authorities, Free Tibet said.

Citing eyewitnesses, Free Radio Asia said the two teenagers shouted slogans condemning Chinese policies in Tibet.

Police in Aba county said Tuesday that they had no information on the self-immolations, which are rarely reported by Chinese state media.

Aba, home to the restive Tibetan Kirti Monastery, has witnessed at least 27 self-immolations, according to an earlier tally by the International Campaign for Tibet.

Supporters say the self-immolators are protesting Beijing's heavy-handed rule in Tibetan regions and calling for the return of the Dalai Lama. China has blamed the Tibetans' exiled spiritual leader for inciting the immolations, but the Dalai Lama denies the claim.

The spiritual leader has never publicly supported or denounced the acts.

Lobsang Sangay, the political leader of Tibetan exiles, said earlier this month that the incidents were against the movement's commitment to nonviolence but that it was his duty to highlight why the protesters were dying.

He expressed his disappointment that the self-immolations by Tibetans have not received the same international attention as the similar suicide of a Tunisian man that sparked the Arab Spring.

### ASIA BRIEFS

#### Insurgents behead 17 Afghan civilians at a party

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Insurgents beheaded 17 people at a party in a Taliban-controlled area, and an Afghan soldier killed two U.S. troops, bringing the two-day death toll Monday to about 30. Near-daily attacks by militants and increasingly frequent deadly violence against NATO troops by their Afghan allies highlight an embarrassing failure of Western policy: After nearly 12 years of military intervention, the country is not pacified. Once the United States and other countries pull out their troops, chaos seems almost certain to return and Taliban domination in large parts of the country is hardly implausible. The beheadings occurred in southern Helmand, the same province where more than 100 insurgents attacked an Afghan army checkpoint and killed 10 soldiers.

#### Tourists saved after boat sinks off Thai island

**BANGKOK** (AP)—A speed boat carrying dozens of foreign tourists near Thailand's popular resort island of Koh Phi Phi sank in abnormally rough seas, police and witnesses said. All 41 people aboard survived. The boat was carrying 37 Asian and European tourists and four Thai crew members when it sank Monday in the Andaman Sea, Marine Police Lt. Col. Panya Chaichana said. The boat was headed to Phuket, another popular tourist destination. Navy ships, fishing boats and other nearby vessels raced to the scene and were able to rescue everyone on board, Panya said.

#### Japan wants probe as flag ripped from car in China

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan's foreign minister on Tuesday demanded an investigation into an incident in which a man in Beijing ripped the Japanese flag off of a car carrying the country's ambassador to China. The incident came amid rising diplomatic tensions and anti-Japanese protests in China over disputed islands in the East China Sea. Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba said the incident was "deplorable" and called for an investigation. He said a national flag "is a symbol to the nation's dignity that needs to respected."

# World

## 10,000 Syrian refugees stuck at Turkish border

**ANKARA, Turkey** (AP)—Some 10,000 Syrian refugees are waiting on the Syrian side of the border as Turkey rushes to build more camps to accommodate the influx and carries out more stringent security checks on the newcomers, Turkish officials said Monday.

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Syrian children, who fled their home with their family due to fighting between the Syrian army and the rebels, lie on the ground, while they and others take refuge at the Bab Al-Salameh border crossing, in hopes of entering one of the refugee camps in Turkey, near the Syrian town of Azaz, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012.

The developments underscore the growing toll Syria's civil war is having on neighboring countries, several of which have seen a massive flow of Syrians trying to escape the conflict which activists estimate has killed more than 20,000 people since March of last year.

Turkey has so far taken in more than 80,000 Syrians, and all nine Turkish refugee camps along the border are full. Until recently, newcomers were being housed in schools, dormitories or sports centers near the border while Turkish authorities scamper to construct four new camps that will increase Turkey's capacity to 100,000 refugees.

The refugees still stuck on the Syrian side will be allowed in "within a day or two" when a new camp near the border becomes operational, a Turkish official said, adding that Turkey's Red Crescent organization was providing emergency aid to the refugees as they wait to cross into Turkey.

Another official said Turkey was also carrying out more stringent security checks on the refugees, adding to the delay in bringing them across the border. The tighter checks come amid Turkish fears that Kurdish rebels fighting for self-rule in southeast Turkey may be coming in through Syria. There are also concerns that foreign jihadists are moving in and out of Turkey to fight the Syrian regime.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of government rules that bar civil servants from speaking to the media without prior authorization.

Turkey's foreign minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, has said the United Nations should establish refugee camps inside Syria and that his country would struggle to cope if the refugee numbers rise substantially.

"Turkey is carrying out its humanitarian duties toward the Syrian people with whom it has historic brotherly ties," Davutoglu said Monday. "On the other hand, the increasing numbers are becoming an encumbrance. The international community must help share this burden."

Also Monday, Turkish television NTV broadcast a video of Cuneyt Unal, a Turkish journalist who is reportedly being held in Syrian government captivity. Turkey's state-run news agency Anadolu said the video was first shown on a pro-regime television station in Syria.

## Tensions high between Iraqi forces, Iranian exiles

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—A group of Iranian exiles that has for years clashed with the Iraqi government said they were attacked Monday by military forces as they prepared to take the latest necessary step toward being resettled outside the country.

A statement by the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran said its members were beaten with sticks, metal bars, stones and other objects, leaving 20 people wounded.

Gorges Bakoos, an adviser to Iraq's premier, described a shoving match Monday afternoon between soldiers and the Camp Ashraf residents. He strongly denied there was violence or injuries.

The exiles, also known by their Farsi name Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, have lived for decades at their sprawling settlement in northeast Iraq, known as Camp Ashraf. The group seeks the overthrow of Iran's clerical leaders, and was given sanctuary in Iraq by former dictator Saddam Hussein as a snub to Tehran.

But Iraq's current Shiite-led government, which has been building ties with Iran, says the exiles are a terrorist group that is living in Iraq illegally. The U.S. considers the PMOI as a terrorist organization, but is weighing delisting them in a decision that a federal court has ordered must be made in coming weeks.

Tensions between the PMOI and the Iraqi government escalated into deadly military raids on Camp Ashraf in 2009 and 2011, and the U.N. is trying to peacefully resettle the PMOI in third-party nations. As a condition for its help, the U.N. wants Ashraf residents to move to a former U.S. military base outside Baghdad while their asylum applications are processed, and has urged the PMOI to step up their pace in leaving their camp.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Nicaragua probes drug network of fake journalists

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua** (APNicaraguan authorities are investigating what they call a vast network of drug criminals behind a seizure of $9.2 million in vans driven by people pretending to be part of a Mexican television news crew. National Police's spokesman Fernando Borge says the destination of the money for which 18 people have been detained was Costa Rica. He says it was a payment for a load of drugs. Borge told The Associated Press Monday that a former police agent heard in Honduras a conversation from those now detained of their plans to drive through Nicaragua with the money. He said the man alerted authorities in Managua.

#### Colombia's president: talks held with FARC rebels

**BOGOTA, Colombia** (AP)—President Juan Manuel Santos said Monday that his government has opened "exploratory talks" with Colombia's main rebel group in a bid to end a stubborn half-century-old conflict. Santos' announcement in a brief televised address confirmed mounting rumors of talks, supposedly held in Cuba, between representatives of his government and the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which is largely a peasant army. Santos offered no details of the talks, such as when they began, where they have been held, who has participated or what has been discussed.

# Focus

# Airlines: You can't wear that

**DALLAS** (AP)—Airlines give many reasons for refusing to let you board, but none stir as much debate as this: How you're dressed.

A woman flying from Las Vegas on Southwest this spring says she was confronted by an airline employee for showing too much cleavage. In another recent case, an American Airlines pilot lectured a passenger because her T-shirt bore a four-letter expletive. She was allowed to keep flying after draping a shawl over the shirt.

Both women told their stories to sympathetic bloggers, and the debate over what you can wear in the air went viral.

It's not always clear what's appropriate. Airlines don't publish dress codes. There are no rules that spell out the highest hemline or the lowest neckline allowed. That can leave passengers guessing how far to push fashion boundaries. Every once in a while the airline says: Not that far.

"It's like any service business. If you run a family restaurant and somebody is swearing, you kindly ask them to leave," says Kenneth Quinn, an aviation lawyer and former chief counsel at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

The American Airlines passenger, who declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press, works for an abortion provider. Supporters suggested that she was singled out because her T-shirt had a pro-choice slogan.

A spokesman for American says the passenger was asked to cover up "because of the F-word on the T-shirt." He says that the airline isn't taking sides in the abortion debate.

Last week, Arijit Guha, a graduate student at Arizona State University, was barred from a Delta flight in Buffalo, N.Y., because of a T-shirt that mocked federal security agents and included the words, "Terrists gonna kill us all." He says the misspelled shirt was satirical and he wore it to protest what he considers racial profiling.

"I thought it was a very American idea to speak up and dissent when you think people's rights are being violated," Guha says. The pilot thought it scared other passengers.

American and Delta are within their rights to make the passengers change shirts even if messages are political, says Joe Larsen, a First Amendment lawyer from Houston who has defended many media companies.

The First Amendment prohibits government from limiting a person's free-speech rights, but it doesn't apply to rules set by private companies, Larsen says. He notes that government security screeners didn't challenge Guha; private Delta employees did.

In short, since airlines and their planes are private property and not a public space like the courthouse steps, crews can tell you what to wear.

In the early years of jet travel, passengers dressed up and confrontations over clothing were unimaginable. They're still rare—there aren't any precise numbers—but when showdowns happen, they gain more attention as aggrieved passengers complain on the Internet about airline clothing cops. It's unwelcome publicity for airlines, which already rate near the bottom of all industries when it comes to customer satisfaction.

Critics complain that airlines enforce clothing standards inconsistently. The lack of clear rules leaves decisions to the judgment of individual airline employees.

Last year, a passenger was pulled off a US Airways jet and arrested at San Francisco International Airport after airline employees say he refused to pull up his low-hanging pants. The local prosecutor declined to file charges against Deshon Marman, a University of New Mexico football player.

Marman's lawyer complained that the same airline repeatedly allowed a middle-age man to travel wearing women's underwear and not much else.

"You can't let someone repugnant like that (the cross-dresser) on the plane and single out this kid because he's black, wearing dreadlocks, and had two or three inches of his underwear showing," says the lawyer, Joseph D. O'Sullivan. "They can't arrest him for what someone perceives to be inappropriate attire."

US Airways spokesman John McDonald says no passengers complained about the cross-dresser until his photo in women's underwear circulated on the Internet after the Marman incident. He says the airline doesn't have a dress code but that employees may talk to a passenger if other people might be offended by the way he's dressed.

"It's not an issue of a dress code, it's one of disruption," like watching pornography within sight of other passengers, McDonald says.

An informal survey of passengers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport found much support for limits on clothing.

"Curse words on shirts always bother me," says John Gordon, who just graduated from film school in Florida and was dressed in khaki shorts and a T-shirt. "It's an unspoken rule that when you go out in public, you should be respectful."

But Leigh Ann Epperson, a corporate lawyer who had just flown in from Tokyo, says she wouldn't be bothered if another passenger's shirt bore the F-word.

"If people are paying the price for their tickets, they should be able to wear what they want," says Epperson, who wore a black sweater over a low-cut blouse, black slacks and wedge-type heels.

Airlines say they refund the passenger's fare if they deny boarding for inappropriate attire.

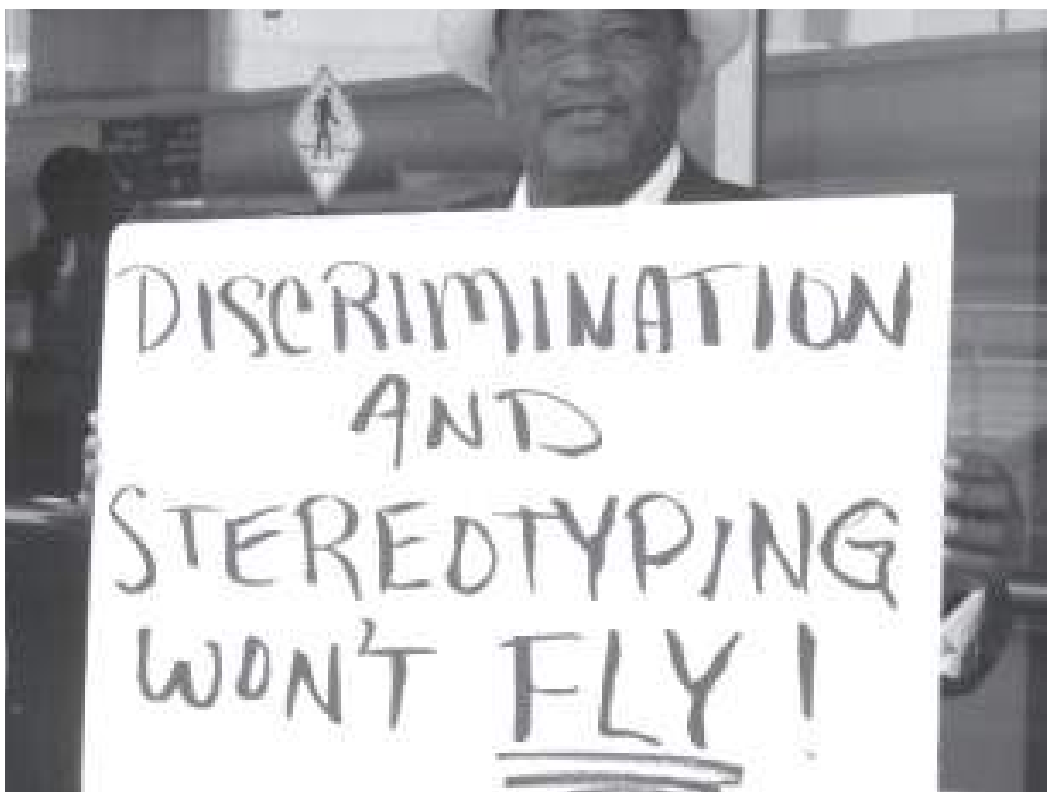
Clashes over clothing and other flash points seem to be increasing, says Alexander Anolik, a travel-law attorney in Tiburon, Calif. He blames an unhappy mix of airline employees who feel underpaid and unloved, and passengers who are stressed out and angry over extra fees on everything from checking a bag to scoring an aisle seat.

Anolik says that passengers should obey requests from airline employees. If passengers don't, they could be accused of interfering with a flight crew—a federal crime. He says passengers should wait until they're off the plane to file complaints with the airline, the U.S. Department of Transportation or in small-claims court.

"They have this omnipotent power," Anolik says of flight crews. "You shouldn't argue your case while you're on the airplane. You're in a no-win scenario—you will be arrested."

AP

In this Spring 2012 photo provided by a woman identified as Avital and made available to the blog Jezebel, Avital poses for a picture at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, showing what she was wearing after she says a Southwest Airlines gate agent approached her, alleging she was showing too much cleavage.

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Approximately 20 protesters stood on the curb outside the U.S. Airways ticket counter at San Francisco International Airport Monday afternoon shouting calls of justice for Deshon Marman, who was pulled off a US Airways jet and arrested for refusing to pull off his low-hanging pants.

## *Airline rules on clothing are usually vague*

Rules for how airplane passengers should dress are often vague. Airline employees usually decide whether someone's clothing is offensive.

If you need guidance before heading to the airport, Google the airline's "contract of carriage"—the rules you agree to when buying a ticket—and look under "Acceptance of Passengers" or a similar-sounding section. Here are examples of clothing guidelines from the four biggest U.S. airlines:

■ American Airlines: Bans passengers who "are clothed in a manner that would cause discomfort or offense to other passengers."

■ **Delta Air Lines:** Reserves the right to remove passengers "for the comfort or safety of other passengers or Delta employees" or to prevent property damage.

■ **Southwest Airlines:** Forbids passengers "whose clothing is lewd, obscene, or patently offensive."

■ **United Airlines:** Bars anyone over 5 who is barefoot "or otherwise inappropriately clothed, unless required for medical reasons."

# Campus Life

# Anti-rocket school protects Israeli kids near Gaza

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Israeli President Shimon Peres, center, sits next to students in a classroom in a new rocketproof school building, in Shaar Hanegev school, near the southern town of Sderot, Israel, Monday, Aug. 27, 2012.

**SDEROT, Israel** (AP)—For the first time in years, the children of Sderot can study in peace.

Living under a constant threat of rocket fire from militants in the nearby Gaza Strip, their schooldays were often interrupted by mad dashes to bomb shelters. But on Monday, they started the school year safe from attack in a new, fortified, rocket-proof school building.

The $27.5 million structure features concrete walls, reinforced windows and a unique architectural plan all designed specifically to absorb and deflect rocket fire. Notices on the walls of the "Shaar Hanegev" High School remind the 1,200 students of their new reality: In case of a warning siren, it reads, stay put.

"You can finally teach without constantly worrying about what to do when there is a rocket attack," said Zohar Nir-Levi, the principal of the junior high school inside the complex. "You can concentrate on your studies. It used to be that even before you said hello in the morning you were telling people where to run."

In the 12 years since rockets began raining down on Sderot, less than a mile (2 kilometers) from Gaza, residents say life has often been unbearable. Eight people have been killed, hundreds wounded and nearly everyone in the working-class town of some 24,000 has been traumatized by the frequent wail of sirens and explosions.

Schools were often shut for periods during this time, with parents fearing for the safety of their children. Psychologists treated many kids for trauma. In one memorable incident, a rocket hit an empty school, sparking demands for better protection.

Alon Shuster, chairman of the regional Shaar Hanegev council, said the decision to build the new school was made as "a strategic response to a threat we have been coping with for 12 years."

The rocket fire has subsided considerably in the past three years, since Israel carried out a fierce three-week offensive against Gaza militants in which some 1,400 Palestinians, including hundreds of civilians, were killed. Gaza's Hamas rulers have largely halted their rocket fire at Israel since then, though smaller armed groups continue to stage attacks.

The Israeli military says some 440 rockets have been fired so far this year. In a fresh reminder, two rockets fell in the area on Monday, following a similar barrage a day earlier. No one was hurt.

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Israeli high-school students gather in a fortified shelter next to a new rocketproof school building, in Shaar Hanegev school, near the southern town of Sderot, Israel, Monday, Aug. 27, 2012.

Over the years, authorities have scrambled to protect the town's schools, reinforcing buildings with concrete barricades and stronger roofs. A heavily fortified elementary school was also built, as was a special indoor playground with a mini-soccer field, video games and bomb shelters, according to local officials.

But officials say the new high school takes protection to a new level. The school, built on a sprawling campus, took two years to plan and then two more years to construct.

Each grade has its own color-coded building, with colorful tiles lining the floors. It features concrete shelters in the school yard as well, to allow students on recess to find cover in the 15-second window they have between the sound of the siren and the landing of the rocket. A science lab and an auto shop are fortified. Even the angles of the buildings are specially built to deflect incoming projectiles.

"The walls are thick, the windows are very thick too," said Yuval Gani, the architect who designed the school. "The doors are protected, the roof is protected also. ... The facade of the building, its task is to deviate the missiles."

Israel is by no means the only place where children come into danger when they go to school. In areas of Colombia wracked by guerrilla violence, schools have intentionally been located far away from police stations, which often become targets. In Iraq, police patrols stand near schools, and some roads leading to schools are blocked with barbed wire or concrete walls. A small upper crust in Baghdad is able to live and send its children to school inside the heavily fortified Green Zone.

The students appear to appreciate their new home.

Michael Spitzer, an 11th grader, said the protection of the building made him less concerned about his younger sister, who also studied there and his mother, who is a teacher.

"I don't have to worry about them anymore," he said. "I can just focus on school and not all the other stuff."

Israeli President Shimon Peres attended the school's grand opening Monday and praised the children's resolve.

"I see here a wonderful and strong stance in the face of rockets," he said, seated in a ninth-grade classroom. "This fortified school inaugurated today is the least that can be done for you. In response to the rockets you are making a strong statement."

## CAMPUS BULLETIN

### Open meeting for K-12 comments today

There will be an open meeting for all members of the community to comment on the priorities for K-12 public school in the CNMI today, Aug. 29, 3pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan looks forward to hearing comments from students, parents educators, community leaders, members of the business community, and other stakeholders.

A representative of McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds will also be on hand to receive comments that may shape future research and technical assistance projects carried out by the US Department of Education, Regional Educational Laboratory in the Pacific (REL Pacific). For more information, contact Juan L. Babauta at 285-9033.

McREL is a Denver-based, nationally recognized, private, non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving education for all students through applied research product, development, and service. ***(PR)***

### SVES parents, guardian orientation this Friday

San Vicente Elementary School will hold its parent and guardian orientation for school year 2012-2013 this Friday, Aug. 21, from 5pm to 6pm at the their children's respective classrooms. ***(PR)***

### ChaCha Ocean View sets orientations for 7th, 8th grade students

ChaCha Ocean View High School will be having an orientation for 7th grade students on Aug. 30, from 9am to 10:30am and 8th grade students will be on Aug. 31, from 9am to 10:30am in the school cafeteria.

For more information call 237-3921 or 664-4100. ***(PR)***

### SAES to start classes on Sept. 4

San Antonio Elementary School will begin classes on Sept. 4, 2012. The school gate will open at 7:15am. Parents and guardians will meet with their children's classroom teacher during the open house. Open house will be on Sept. 4, K-2nd grade, 5-6pm; Sept. 5, 3rd and 4th grade, 5-6pm; and Sept. 6, 5th and 6th grade, 5-6pm. ***(PR)***

### SSHS sets important dates for start of school year

Saipan Southern High School will hold its first day of classes for school year 2012-2013 on Sep. 4, 2012.

Students must be on campus by 8am. Classes starts at 8:30am and dismissal is at 3pm. All new students enrolling at SSHS for school year 2012-2013 must complete and submit a registration form.

Registration forms are available in the registrar's office or main office. All returning students who attended SSHS last year must return all textbooks and settle all obligations with the school, before you can pick up your class reschedule.

Schedules are to be picked up at the Counseling office are as follows:

- 12th grade: Aug. 22, 2012 9am-4pm
- 11th grade: Aug. 23 9am-4pm
- 10th grade Aug. 24 9am-4pm

All transfer and new students enrolling at SSHS SY2012-2013 in grades 10,11, and 12 are required to attend an orientation on Aug. 28 from 1pm to 3pm with their parents or legal guardians.

No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance. Incoming freshman students orientation will be held on two different session to accommodate parents or legal guardians work schedules. Both sessions are on Aug. 28 from 9am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm.

For more information, call SSHS principal Jesse Tudela at 237-3702 or the main office at 664-4000/ 237-3710. ***(PR)***

# Life & Style

## Superman, Wonder Woman lock lips as power couple

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Wonder Woman and Superman are an item, locking lips in a passionate embrace as the pair realize that there's no one out there like them.

The couple's kiss is the culmination of a dramatic story in "Justice League" No. 12, which marks the first full year since DC relaunched its stable of heroes with new stories, new costumes and revised origins.

DC Comics co-publisher Jim Lee, who has drawn each issue of "Justice League" since its debut, called the canoodling in Wednesday's issue not a stunt or an alternate reality smooch.

"This has been in the works for some time and we certainly wouldn't have pulled the trigger on without there being great creative benefit to the liaison," he said in an email. "Beyond the joy and sorrows of new love, there are potentially huge ramifications and dramatic ways this single relationship between these iconic characters will change the entire political and interpersonal landscape of the DC Universe."

The characters have long formed, with Batman, the triumvirate of DC Entertainment's heroes and are among the most powerful and best-known.

In the 1980s, the pair had a brief fling but Superman went on to marry Lois Lane. They also kissed in Frank Miller's "Dark Knight Strikes Again" a decade ago. In a 2006 epilogue to 1996's "Kingdom Come," the couple asks Bruce Wayne, aka Batman, to stand as godfather to their unborn child.

Since DC relaunched its characters and universe nearly a year ago, some of the origins have changed—Wonder Woman is now the daughter of Zeus—and the costumes have, too.

One aspect that did not survive the relaunch: Lois Lane's role as Superman's love. She's still around, but the two have never dated, nor are they likely to.

Geoff Johns, who writes "Justice League" is laying out a story that looks not only at the couple but the effects on others, too, Lee said.

"The way Geoff unfolds the story and the implications of two of the most powerful characters in the DCU becoming a team is something that goes beyond the question of `What about Lois and Clark?'" Lee said.

"This is a statement to every nation and geopolitical organization in the entire DC Universe giving creative teams ample material to explore this relationship on so many different levels."

◀ This comic book image released by DC Entertainment shows Wonder Woman and Superman kissing from the "Justice League 12" issue. AP

## Renowned pianist Van Cliburn diagnosed with cancer

**FORT WORTH, Texas** (AP)—Renowned classical pianist Van Cliburn has been diagnosed with advanced bone cancer and is resting comfortably at his Texas home, his publicist said Monday.

The 78-year-old Cliburn is under excellent care and his spirits are high, said longtime friend and publicist Mary Lou Falcone.

Cliburn skyrocketed to fame in 1958 when he won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow at age 23. He triumphantly returned to a New York ticker tape parade, the only one ever for a classical musician, and a Time magazine cover proclaimed him "The Texan Who Conquered Russia."

In the years that followed, Cliburn's popularity soared, and the young man from the small east Texas town of Kilgore sold out concerts, broke record sales, caused riots when spotted in public and even prompted an Elvis Presley fan club to change its name to his.

But he tired of years of performing mainly the same pieces that made him famous—such as Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1," which had sealed his Moscow win—and took a sabbatical in 1978, feeling emotionally drained from nonstop touring. Cliburn later moved from New York to Fort Worth, where he currently lives and where he remained active in the arts and social scenes. He began playing publicly again in the late 1980s.

Until only recently, Cliburn practiced daily and performed limited engagements.

He has performed for every president since Harry Truman, and for years has devoted his time to the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Founded by Fort Worth music teachers in 1962, it's held every four years and considered among the world's premier piano competitions.

Cliburn won a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004, and was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2003.

He was already an accomplished pianist before winning the 1958 competition in Moscow. He started taking piano lessons from his mother at age 3, then debuted with the Houston Symphony Orchestra at age 12. He studied at Juilliard, won the famed Leventritt Competition and performed with several orchestras across the country—including the New York Philharmonic.

## Networks prepare to juggle politics, weather

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Television networks began juggling two major stories on Monday, still wondering whether Tropical Storm Isaac will cause them to divert a large amount of attention from the Republican National Convention in Tampa.

Anderson Cooper of CNN and Shepard Smith of Fox News Channel were shifted by their networks from Tampa to New Orleans, where the storm appeared headed. It's an odd rerun for both of them: four years ago they left a GOP convention to head to the gulf region ahead of Hurricane Gustav. MSNBC was sending Tamron Hall and Lester Holt to New Orleans in advance of Isaac, and Soledad O'Brien was joining Cooper for CNN.

The major broadcast networks haven't shifted resources yet. Even before the Republicans chose to cancel the first night of the convention on Monday and compress the action into three days, ABC, CBS and NBC had not planned on broadcasting from Tampa on Monday night. Each has scheduled an hour of convention coverage over the next three nights.

"We continue to watch the storm closely and we will have correspondent coverage throughout the region," said Ingrid Ciprian-Matthews, vice president of CBS News. "We will reposition some of our resources as necessary."

Brian Williams of NBC News has taken an intense interest in the New Orleans area since Hurricane Katrina seven years ago, but there are no immediate plans for him to switch cities. NBC's coverage is augmented through its partnership with The Weather Channel, also owned by the Comcast Corp.

The cancellation of Monday's convention activities due to Isaac forced schedule changes upon television networks. Instead of three hours on politics, PBS shifted to entertainment programming. CNN reran a documentary on Republican Mitt Romney that first aired Sunday night. Fox News Channel and MSNBC played to their bases with their typical opinion programs.

Throughout Monday, CNN mixed coverage of the storm with political stories from Tampa. Even when its correspondents were talking politics, the lower portion of the network's screen flashed updates on the path and wind speed of Isaac. The network has plenty of experience following multiple stories, said Sam Feist, CNN political director.

"This is CNN," Feist said. "We can walk and chew gum at the same time."

The uncertainty about the storm's path and strength made for uncertainty among Republicans, too.

"This is a difficult set of circumstances for the Republicans," said Fox's Smith, "because as this storm comes through it's going to be fighting for TV time, and newspaper headline time and water cooler talk time. The Republicans had hoped they would be able to have all of the attention of themselves for the next few days and it would appear that Isaac has thrown a wrench in that."

Networks strive, as best they can, to be fair to both parties in terms of television time around the conventions. Even with the storm, Feist said he expects the Republicans to get as much or more coverage than the Democrats, primarily because of the GOP's original plan to have a four-night convention.

Television didn't even need the convention to start to produce some fireworks on Monday. MSNBC's "Morning Joe" featured a bitter confrontation with MSNBC anchor Chris Matthews attacking Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus on Romney campaign tactics, leaving show hosts Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski plainly uncomfortable.

## Robin Roberts to start medical leave next week

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Robin Roberts says Friday will be her last day co-anchoring "Good Morning America" for a while.

On Monday's edition of the ABC News wakeup program, Roberts made official the start date for what's being called her "extended medical leave."

Roberts told viewers in July that she has MDS, a blood and bone marrow disease once known as preleukemia.

She says she will be hospitalized next week to prepare for the bone marrow transplant that will take place about 10 days after that.

But looking further ahead, Roberts noted she is luckier than many workers who become ill. She says her bosses have been generous in giving her the needed time off, and her job is waiting for her when she's well enough to return. She described herself as "very blessed."

AP

This Aug. 20, 2012 photo released by ABC shows co-host Robin Roberts during a broadcast of "Good Morning America," in New York.

# Transgender woman must deal with new, unforeseen change

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY**: I am a confused transwoman. I have been in a committed relationship for years with a woman who knew me before "the change." I have lied to myself for a long time about what gender I have been attracted to, and now it's coming back to haunt me.

As I have gone through several years changing, my confidence and emotional depth have grown. I successfully transitioned two years ago, and live and work as a woman. This means when I go to clubs and bars with other girlfriends, I attract male attention in a positive way. (I'm attractive and pass well.)

The problem is, my attraction to women is fading and men are now much more appealing. My pulse races at the idea of spending time in the company of men, but no longer with women, who are now more like sisters than anything else.

My relationship with my current female spouse has become that of a housemate or female family member. She was there for me during my changes, and now I feel I am evolving away from her. This upsets me, and I know it upsets her because we have talked about the possibility that this might occur. Now I'm worried about breaking her heart, but feel if I don't move on, I will have cheated myself out of living.

What should I do? Should I swallow my feelings and stay with her, or admit that in order to feel like a heterosexual woman I must leave and be in a relationship with a man? Help!

LOST ANGEL

**DEAR LOST: I discussed your letter with Denise Leclair, the executive director of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), who tells me that what you're experiencing is not unusual. Transgender people can be so consumed with gender issues that they are sometimes unfocused on whom they are really attracted to.**

**While I can't make this decision for you, you can get some helpful input from IFGE. Founded in 1987, it offers support and educational services for and about gender-variant persons—including referrals to medical and psychological professionals. You can email IFGE at info@ifge.org.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: Thanks for the wonderful letters and sage advice over the years. I can't tell you how many columns I have clipped and shared.

Some years ago when I was teaching in Massachusetts, a dear friend, Pat, told me about something she did that impressed me. Every year on her birthday, she sent flowers to her parents with a note thanking them for their love and support. I adopted her idea.

We have a Mother's Day and a Father's Day, but isn't Pat's idea wonderful? Many parents would be thrilled to receive flowers from their child on his or her birthday, especially when a note accompanies the bouquet. After all, the parents gave the children life and nurturing. It seems only right that children should show their appreciation at that special time. Please share this idea with your readers.

FORMER TEACHER IN ATHENS, GA.

**DEAR TEACHER: Thank you for sharing your friend's tradition. It's not the first time I've heard this, but I'm pleased to share her terrific idea with those who are receptive.**

**P.S. If flowers aren't in the budget, a handwritten note of appreciation costs nothing and would be treasured for a lifetime.**

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# Shia LaBeouf discusses his nudity in music video

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Just because Shia LaBeouf appears completely nude in the new Sigur Ros video and has said he's willing to perform real sex acts in Lars Von Trier's upcoming "The Nymphomaniac," that doesn't mean he's going through an exhibitionist phase.

The 26-year-old actor says he's "not choosing to be naked all the time" and that he "didn't get into (acting) to be a porn guy."

"We were just playing characters," he explains.

Still, the 8 1/2-minute video for "Fjogur Piano" shows the "Transformers" star naked and caressing the bare breasts of his female co-star. He said people have been responding well to the video so he feels "quite confident" about his performance.

LaBeouf does not get naked in "Lawless," opening Wednesday, about a West Virginia moonshine business during the Prohibition era.

In this Aug. 13, 2012 file photo, Shia LaBeouf attends a screening of "Lawless" hosted by The Weinstein Company and The Cinema Society in New York.

AP

# It's a boy, prematurely for actress Anna Faris

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Anna Faris has given birth to a baby boy, her first child with actor husband Chris Pratt.

A spokeswoman for the couple says their son, Jack, "arrived earlier than expected and will be spending some time" in the neonatal intensive care unit. Publicist Dominique Appel said Monday that "the happy parents thank you for your warm wishes and ask that you honor their privacy during this time."

She offered no other details.

The 35-year-old Faris and 33-year-old Pratt were married in 2009. She recently shared the screen with Sacha Baron Cohen in "The Dictator." He is a star of TV's "Parks and Recreation."

This Feb. 26, 2012 file photo shows Anna Faris, left, and Chris Pratt at the 84th Academy Awards in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. Faris has given birth to a baby boy, her first child with her actor husband Chris Pratt.

AP

# O'Donnell: I'm married, selling art on eBay

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Rosie O'Donnell has announced that she married her fiancee, Michelle Rounds, in a private ceremony in June, just days before Rounds had surgery to treat desmoid tumors.

The 50-year-old TV personality also said Monday on her blog that she is selling original paintings on eBay to raise money for the Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation.

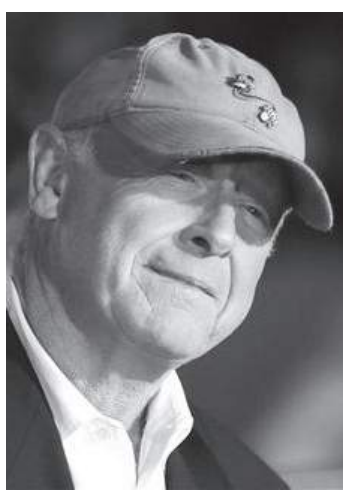
A spokeswoman for O'Donnell confirmed the nuptials and fundraising efforts.

Rounds was diagnosed with desmoid tumors in June. She and O'Donnell wed in New York on June 9, and Rounds underwent surgery June 14. Desmoid tumors occur rarely and can affect almost any area of the body. The tumors can be fatal. O'Donnell has had health issues of her own. She said Aug. 20 that she recently suffered a heart attack.

This Jan. 10, 2012 file photo shows television personality Rosie O'Donnell, right, and her girlfriend Michelle Rounds at the National Board of Review awards gala in New York.

AP

# Director Tony Scott cremated; scholarship created



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In this Oct. 26, 2010 file photo, director Tony Scott arrives at the premiere of "Unstoppable" in Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Tony Scott has been cremated, and his widow will keep his remains at their Los Angeles-area home.

The information is included on Scott's death certificate, which was released Monday.

The document doesn't include a formal determination of Scott's cause of death. Coroner's officials expect it will take several weeks to finalize their investigation, but they are treating his case as a probable suicide.

The "Top Gun" director jumped from a bridge into the Los Angeles Harbor on Aug. 19. Family and close friends gathered over the weekend to honor the British-born director at a private memorial. His family also announced Monday that they have created a memorial scholarship at the American Film Institute to help future filmmakers and honor his creative legacy.

The last film Scott directed was 2010's "Unstoppable."

# 'The Walking Dead' actor charged with DUI in Ga.

**PEACHTREE CITY, Ga.** (AP)—An actor on the television show "The Walking Dead" has been charged with driving drunk in Georgia, where the show is filmed.

Peachtree City police arrested 70-year-old Scott Wilson at 2 a.m. Aug. 18 after someone called 911 to report a Chrysler PT Cruiser driving erratically.

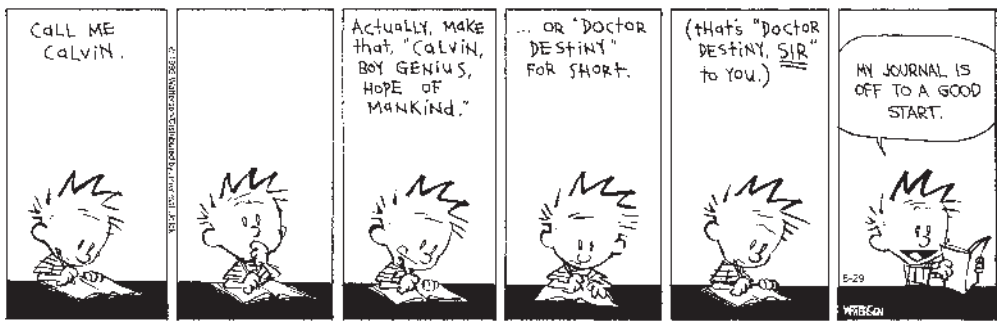
On the AMC drama, Wilson plays a farmer and recovering alcoholic who's part of a band of survivors after a zombie apocalypse. The arresting officer wrote in a report that Wilson said he'd been drinking scotch and wine at a restaurant. The officer says Wilson was swaying and asked to do yoga poses instead of a field sobriety test.

It was not immediately clear if Wilson had a lawyer. A message seeking comment from the network was not immediately returned.

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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Actually, make that, "CALVIN, BOY GENIUS, HOPE OF MANKIND."
... OR "DOCTOR DESTINY" FOR SHORT.
(that's "DOCTOR DESTINY, SIR" to you.)
MY JOURNAL IS OFF TO A GOOD START.
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By Jim Davis

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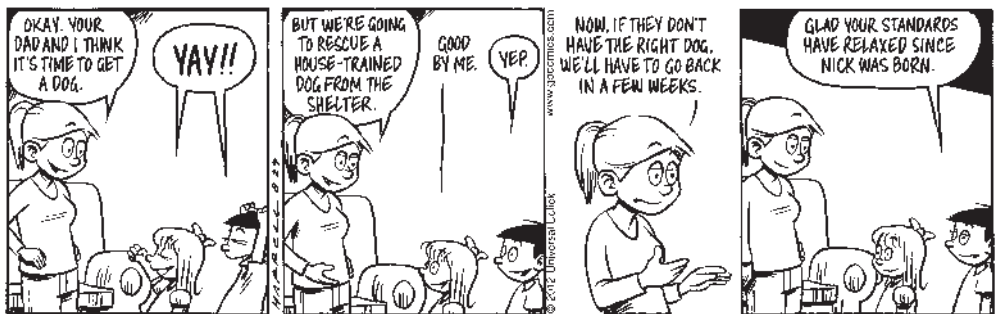
By Bryan Basset


OKAY. YOUR DAD AND I THINK IT'S TIME TO GET A DOG.
YAY!!
BUT WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE A HOUSE-TRAINED DOG FROM THE SHELTER.
GOOD BY ME.
YEP.
NOW, IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT DOG, WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK IN A FEW WEEKS.
GLAD YOUR STANDARDS HAVE RELAXED SINCE NICK WAS BORN.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Jacob's twin
14 Thwart
15 Brewery product
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18 Wander off
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28 Napoleon's downfall
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33 Historic period
34 "Smallville" family
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39 1998 Sandler movie, with "The"
41 Censorial sound
43 Classic theater name
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46 Furlough
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59 Fender bender result
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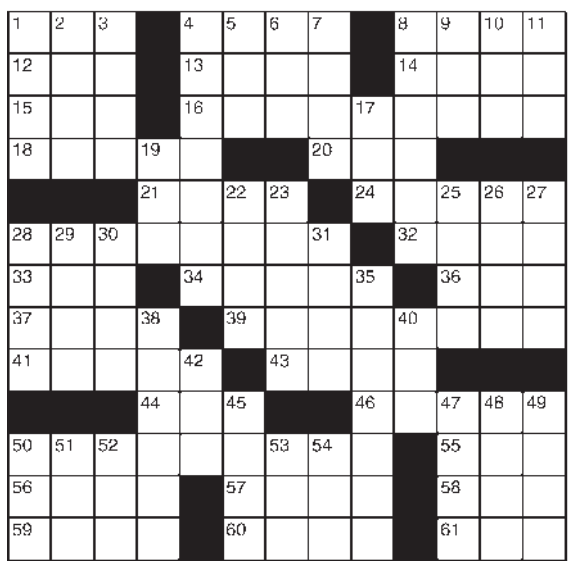

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Lauren Collins, 26; Lea Michele, 26; Carla Gugino, 41; Rebecca DeMornay, 53.

**Happy Birthday**: A chance to get ahead is evident, but you will have to fight through obstacles. Don't rely on anyone to do a job or to speak for you. Representation will be key to how far ahead you get, making it vital to depict exactly what you want to portray to those you must impress. Your numbers are 6, 8, 19, 26, 29, 40, 44.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Give a little and get a little back. Don't be afraid to stand out or to take a unique approach. Personal changes will grab attention. Don't limit the possibilities, but respect what others want as well. Diversity is the name of the game. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Cut out any emotional manipulation. Talk straight and get business out of the way. Once you feel relatively secure that everything will unfold as planned professionally or financially, you will feel more at ease spending downtime with family. ✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Reconnect with old friends. Attending a reunion or making the first move to reunite will lead to interesting changes in the way you go about getting what you want. Speak from the heart and you'll get a good response. ✪✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Proceed with caution. Doing too much for someone may be detrimental to your relationship and to advancement. Make changes that benefit you first and foremost. Take care of matters pertaining to institutions, agencies or corporations. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Emotions will mount and choices will have to be made. Don't limit what you can do because of someone using unfair tactics to control what you can and cannot accomplish. You cannot buy love or own someone. Follow your dreams, not someone else's. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep everything you do within your budget. Time constraints will occur if you take on too much or indulge when moderation is required. Love is on the rise, and doing something constructive with someone special will pay off. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Focus on having fun or taking part in a creative endeavor. Networking, educational pursuits and traveling will help you reach your goals. An open discussion will help you realize your potential. An unexpected proposal will lead to a partnership. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Keep working toward your set goals. Discussions will only lead to emotional battles that will stand in the way of your creativity. Take an unusual approach in the way you do things at home. Decorate to suit your needs. ✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Look back and remember the good times you had with someone you found inspirational. Talks can lead to new opportunities and the revamping of something you've wanted to pursue for a long time. Take action and excel. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't let your guard down. Stay on top of situations involving friends and relatives. Expect someone to try to control your next move. Preparation, honesty and integrity will be key. A last-minute change of plans will work in your favor. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Love is in the stars, and hooking up with someone from your past or establishing a better relationship with someone you are currently with will lead to a better understanding. Set new goals that will bring you closer together. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't reveal information you don't want passed around. Relationships are in a high cycle, but if you are too open about your past, you may jeopardize your chance to get to know someone you want in your life at a personal or professional level. ✪✪✪

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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By DAVID OUELLET

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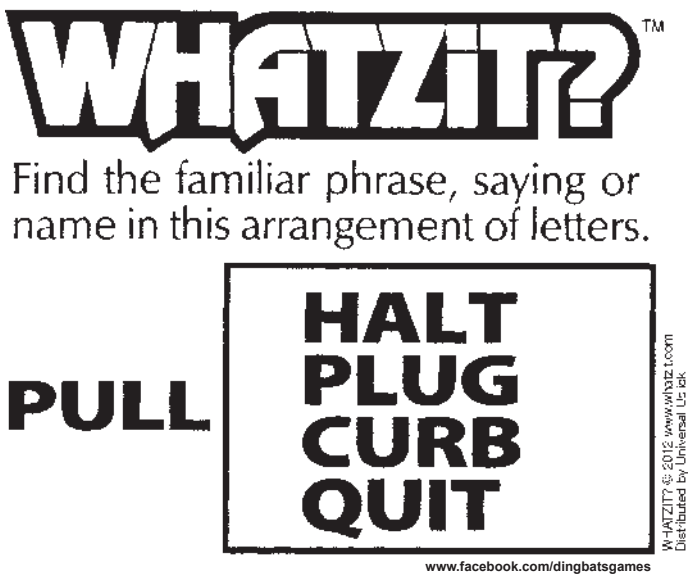


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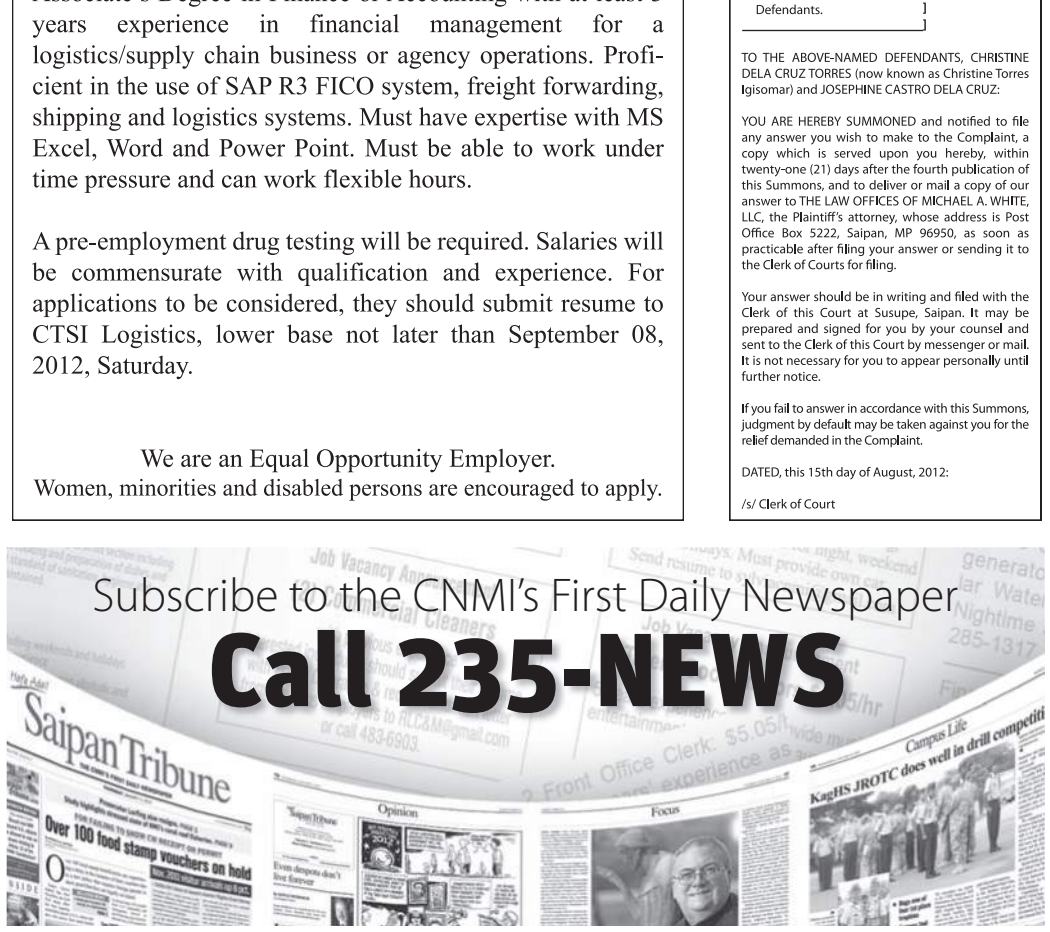


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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC.,** Plaintiff, -v- **The Estate of MANUEL TENORIO DELA CRUZ, The Estate of MARIA CASTRO DELA CRUZ, CHRISTINE DELA CRUZ TORRES, LINDA DELA CRUZ TOVES, JOSEPHINE CASTRO DELA CRUZ, CHOI CHEOL WON and MOON HAENG LEE,** Defendants. | **CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0093** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION** |

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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# Sharapova eases into 2nd round at US Open

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Maria Sharapova's stomach ache turned out to be nothing more than that.

That lopsided loss she suffered at the Olympics—well, that may have only been a false alarm, as well.

Playing her first match since a blowout loss to Serena Williams in London and a stomach virus forced her out of two tuneup tournaments, Sharapova returned to tennis in fine fashion Monday at the U.S. Open.

The third-seeded Russian came back from a three-week break and defeated Melinda Czink of Hungary 6-2, 6-2 in a stress-free, 67-minute first-round match at blustery Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Later, top-seeded Roger Federer took center stage and beat American Donald Young 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to begin the chase for his 18th major title.

Sharapova completed the career Grand Slam earlier this year by winning the French Open. Monday's victory, in front of the half-filled stadium, was her first match since a 6-0, 6-1 loss to Williams at the London Games in a gold-medal showdown that looked more like one of these first-round wipeouts Sharapova usually inflicts.

Turns out, Sharapova was dealing with some stomach pain then, which only got worse a few weeks later. She went to the doctor for a series of tests, including an ultrasound to see if she was pregnant. The test turned up negative.

"Just because of the pain I was having, it was really weird," said Sharapova, who is engaged to basketball player Sasha Vujacic. "They told me I was fine, not pregnant. Then, I'm like, `Can I get my money back?'"

It has been an eventful summer for one of tennis' biggest stars.

After serving as the flag-bearer for Russia, then finishing as the silver medalist at the Olympics at Wimbledon, Sharapova's original plan was to come to North America and play in tuneups in Montreal and Cincinnati to acclimate herself to the hard courts.

But the Olympics took a lot out of Sharapova, and when she arrived in Canada, she got knocked down by a stomach ache so bad that she went to the doctor.

It turned out to be a virus - her body's way of telling her to take it easy, she said, so she withdrew from the events and took a few weeks off.

"It was a nice break in a way, but after so many weeks of practicing, you're just eager to get back on the court," she said.

She looked eager to get off the court, as well, showing very few signs of rust against her 88th-ranked opponent.

Wearing a soft-pink dress with a touch of mauve - more subdued than what she usually wears for, say, a nighttime appearance - Sharapova served five aces and maxed out at 115 mph. It took her 31 minutes to finish the first set and she was up 3-0 in the second before Czink got her only break.

That made things only mildly interesting, and only for a very short time. Leading 4-2, Sharapova won one point by chasing a ball almost into the stands on the sidelines, reaching out to get it back, then closing in on the net to win the point. Czink stood there shaking her head, hardly believing what she had just seen.

AP

Maria Sharapova, of Russia, returns a shot to Melinda Czink, of Hungary, at the 2012 US Open Tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, in New York.

Sharapova said getting the blowout loss to Williams out of her mind was not a problem.

"It doesn't stick with you," she said. "I mean, personally, I've been part of many different types of matches in my career. Looking back at that week, it was really special. It was so hectic."

The routine win was part of a day filled mostly with by-the-book results: Defending champion Sam Stosur's 6-1, 6-1 victory over Croatia's Petra Martic, No. 3 Andy Murray's 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 win over Alex Bogomolov Jr., of Russia and, of course, a two-hour rain delay at a tournament that has finished on a Monday for four straight years because of bad weather.

Federer closed the night with a 1-hour, 34-minute dispatching of Young and stayed in the mix for his sixth U.S. Open title. Federer, a loser to Novak Djokovic in the semifinals the last two years, is seeded first for the 23rd time at a Grand Slam, breaking the record he shared with Pete Sampras.

"Being back in New York as world No. 1, it's crazy, and I really, really enjoy it," Federer said.

Before Federer played, No. 23 Kim Clijsters extended her Flushing Meadows winning streak to 22 straight matches, defeating the youngest player in the field, 16-year-old American Victoria Duval, 6-3, 6-1.

Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka, the Australian Open champion, began the quest for her second Grand Slam title of the year with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Alexandra Panova.

Stosur won the day's first match in Ashe, and any thought that the early round jitters might get to her - the way they did in first-round exits at the Australian Open and the Olympics or a second-round loss at Wimbledon - were over before the crowd even got settled.

The seventh-seeded Aussie won the first 19 points - she was five away from a perfect set before she double-faulted - and needed only 51 minutes to finish the match.

"It did pop into my head for a split second," Stosur said of the prospect of a golden set. "Then I hit the double fault and it was erased and I was quickly on with the next point."

Murray is trying to become the first man to win the Olympics and the U.S. Open in the same year. His first match of 2012 at Flushing Meadows gave him a decent test - with just a little something to worry about.

He fell down a break to open the first two sets but won the last five games of the first and last four games of the second, then cruised in the third, which he began by shouting "focus."

"It's an important stage of the match, when he was up 4-3 in the second with a break, then I won three games in a row and momentum was with me," Murray said. "You want to win the matches as quickly as possible."

He finished with 46 winners to 24 for Bogomolov, and handled the array of drop shots Bogomolov tried on him. Leading 4-1 in the third set, Murray grabbed his left hamstring while lunging for a ball near the net. But he closed out the match with no problem.

"Maybe I didn't take enough fluid," Murray said.

That could have been the problem No. 22 Florian Mayer encountered, as well. He withdrew while trailing 19-year-old American wild card Jack Sock 6-3, 6-2, 3-2, saying he felt dizzy and had blurred vision.

"He played the perfect match," Mayer said. "He hit the forehand fast, didn't really make any mistakes, just played really good."

Sock advanced to the second round for the second straight year. He'll be joined by Americans James Blake, a four-set winner over Lukas Lacko of Slovakia, 23rd-seeded Mardy Fish, who beat Go Soeda of Japan in three sets, and Tim Smyczek, who won 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 over Bobby Reynolds in a 3-hour, 33-minute, all-American matchup between qualifiers.

"It's obviously the biggest tournament for us Americans but I'm just trying to go about my business and treat it like any other week," said Smyczek, ranked 179th, after recording his first victory in a Grand Slam tournament.

Other winners included 24th-seeded Marcel Granollers on the men's side and 11th-seeded Marion Bartoli, No. 9 Li Na and No. 5 Petra Kvitova in the women's draw.

Andy Roddick, Serena Williams and Djokovic, the defending champion, were scheduled to play Tuesday.

# Bills acquire QB Tarvaris Jackson, release Young

**ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.** (AP)—The Buffalo Bills have a new backup in Tarvaris Jackson, and they've cut Vince Young in a sudden shuffle of quarterbacks on Monday.

Shortly after announcing they had released Young, the Bills followed up to confirm reports that they had acquired Jackson in a trade with the Seattle Seahawks in exchange for an undisclosed draft pick.

It was a surprising turn of events that came in the final week of the preseason, and after Young struggled in his bid to win the backup job in a 38-7 loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

"Vince, I don't want to get into what he can do and can't do, it just didn't work out," general manager Buddy Nix said. "We just need to move on and give this guy a try."

As for Jackson, Nix said the Bills showed interest in him once the Seahawks deemed him expendable after selecting rookie third-round draft pick Russell Wilson as their starter on Sunday.

Nix called Jackson a strong-armed quarterback who's accustomed to playing in offenses that feature a quick passing attack such as the Bills.

Nix did acknowledge consistency has at times been an issue with Jackson, who is on his third team in three years.

"Maybe getting in the right place and the right system, he'll blossom," Nix said, noting there's a chance Jackson could play in the Bills (No. 19 in the AP Pro32) preseason finale at Detroit on Thursday.

"He's bounced around a little bit, but who knows, we'll give it a try. We know he's got the ability to do it, and we'll see if he can produce."

Jackson traveled overnight to Buffalo and joined his teammates for practice Monday afternoon. The trade wasn't completed until early Monday morning after the Bills reached a deal with Jackson's agent, Joel Segal, to restructure the final year of the player's contract, according to a person familiar with discussions. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Bills do not discuss contract talks.

Jackson was scheduled to make $4 million this season, a figure the Bills deemed to be too expensive for a backup player.

Jackson is a seven-year veteran who has gone 17-17 as a starter with Minnesota and Seattle. He had a 7-7 record with the Seahawks last season, but his future was left uncertain after Seattle drafted Wilson and acquired Matt Flynn in free agency this offseason.

Young posted comments on his Twitter account indicating his time in Buffalo was over on Monday morning.

"Respect Bills fans," Young wrote. "I want to thank the Bills organization for the opportunity and with the organization and my teammates good luck this season."

The Bills quickly ran out of patience with Young, who had signed a one-year contract in May to compete with returning backup Tyler Thigpen for the No. 2 job behind starter Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Young had the edge to win the backup job before he struggled on Saturday. He threw two interceptions, the first coming on his first pass attempt, and finished 12 of 26 for 103 yards passing in playing the entire second half.

It was a sudden turn of events for Young, who last week had earned a thumbs-up from quarterbacks coach David Lee.

# Rockies spoil Beckett's debut with Dodgers

**DENVER** (AP)— Jeff Francis and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as the Colorado Rockies beat Los Angeles 10-0 Monday night to spoil the Dodgers debut of Josh Beckett.

Beckett (0-1) was acquired in a nine-player megadeal deal with the Boston Red Sox over the weekend. His career in Los Angeles got off to an inauspicious start as he gave up a leadoff homer to Tyler Colvin on his second pitch, a 91-mph fastball that Colvin hit into the second deck.

The righty allowed three runs over 5 2-3 innings as the Dodgers fell 2 1/2 games behind idle San Francisco in the NL West.

Francis (5-4) scattered three hits in five innings and struck out a season-high six batters. Josh Roenicke, Rex Brothers and Matt Belisle closed out the game. Belisle pitched 1 2-3 innings to earn his second save this season.

Colvin had a big day at the plate, adding a two-run triple as part of a seven-run eighth inning that broke open a tight game. Wilin Rosario also added a two-run homer in the frame.

Francis worked his way out of a sticky situation in the fifth after giving up a one-out single to Luis Cruz and a double to A.J. Ellis. Francis struck out Beckett and then Shane Victorino - on a 68-mph curve - to end the threat.

After that, Francis' night was done when he was lifted for a pinch hitter.

With Francis and Beckett on the mound, this was a rematch of Game 1 of the 2007 World Series. In that contest, Beckett went seven innings and allowed one run en route to a 13-1 win. It set the tone for the series as Boston swept the Rockies.

AP

Colorado Rockies' DJ LeMahieu, left, forces out Los Angeles Dodgers' Mark Ellis at second base on a double play to end the eighth inning of a baseball game in Denver on Monday, Aug. 27, 2012. Dodgers' Matt Kemp was out at first on the play. The Rockies won, 10-0.

### Brewers 15, Cubs 4

In Chicago, it usually isn't good when a position player finishes a game on the mound. That's where Joe Mather found himself.

Aramris Ramirez hit two of Milwaukee's five homers to lead the Brewers to a 15-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

### Reds 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Bronson Arroyo pitched six strong innings and homered in the sixth inning for the go-ahead run of the Cincinnati Reds' 3-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Brandon Phillips added an RBI double for the Reds, who remained six games ahead of St. Louis in the NL Central and gave manager Dusty Baker his 400th win with the club.

### Padres 3, Braves 0

In San Diego, Casey Kelly combined with three relievers on a four-hitter to win his major league debut and Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer for the San Diego Padres, who beat the Atlanta Braves, 3-0, to extend their season-high streak to eight straight wins.

The 22-year-old Kelly was the key player among the four obtained from the Boston Red Sox in the trade for Adrian Gonzalez on Dec. 6, 2010.

### Cardinals 4, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, Matt Holliday hit a tiebreaking home run and Kyle Lohse won his eighth consecutive decision, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Holliday led off the sixth inning with his 24th homer, a drive to right field off A.J. Burnett that put St. Louis ahead for good at 3-2.

### Jays 8, Yankees 7

In New York, Rafael Soriano has been so reliable for the New York Yankees that they've hardly missed a beat without Mariano Rivera.

Until now.

Colby Rasmus hit a three-run homer off Soriano with two outs in the ninth inning and the Toronto Blue Jays took advantage of Derek Lowe's wild pickoff throw in the 11th to beat New York, 8-7, snapping a seven-game losing streak.

### Rangers 6, Rays 5

In Arlington, Adrian Beltre extended his hot seven-game streak into another week.

Beltre was 3 for 3 with a home run and four RBIs, including driving in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth inning, to lead the Texas Rangers to a 6-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

Elvis Andrus scored on Beltre's single to give the AL West leaders a series-opening win.

### Mariners 1, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, all King Felix needs is one.

Felix Hernandez struck out five in a five-hitter and Eric Thames hit a solo homer in the eighth inning to lift the Seattle Mariners to a 1-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Hernandez (13-5), who picked up his 23rd career complete game and ninth shutout, hasn't lost a decision since June 12. He is 4-0 in 1-0 games this season, becoming just the third pitcher since 1969 to be that successful in 1-0 ballgames.

### Orioles 4, White Sox 3

In Baltimore, Nate McLouth and Lew Ford added their names to the Baltimore Orioles' rapidly expanding list of unlikely heroes.

McLouth put Baltimore ahead with a two-run homer in the eighth inning, Ford also connected, and the Orioles beat the White Sox 4-3 on Monday night, ending Chicago's six-game winning streak.

It was the franchise-record 13th consecutive one-run win for the Orioles.

### Athletics 3, Indians 0

In Cleveland, after all Brett Anderson has been through, Oakland's left-hander wasn't going to let a bad call ruin his night.

Anderson gave up two hits, one on a questionable call, over seven innings and the Athletics beat the Cleveland Indians 3-0 on Monday night.

### Red Sox 5, Royals 1

In Boston, all the offseason work, rehab starts and minor league outings finally paid off for Daisuke Matsuzaka.

Matsuzaka returned from the disabled list with his best start of the season and Cody Ross drove in three runs, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 5-1 win over the Kansas City Royals.

Starting the season on the DL after Tommy John surgery in June, Matsuzaka (1-3) earned his first big league win since May 16 of last season.

# For now, focus is on Ryder Cup

**FARMINGDALE, N.Y.** (AP) —The race for the cup has rarely been this intense after just one playoff event.

Only it's not the FedEx Cup.

At the moment, that's only meaningful to those who risked going home after one week. Sure, it was significant for Nick Watney to win The Barclays because it assures he will be at East Lake for the Tour Championship with a legitimate shot at the $10 million prize. But there are rarely surprises at the opening playoff event. Watney (No. 49) was only the second Barclays winner who was not already in the top 30.

Right now, it's all about the Ryder Cup.

There are no points to tally. There are no charts to show how each birdie and bogey will help or hurt someone's chances. This is all speculation. Watney chose the right word when he said his three-shot win at Bethpage Black against the strongest, full field this side of a major was all about getting into the conversation.

Let the chatter begin.

Europe was the first to fill out its 12-man team. Martin Kaymer earned the last spot on the team by not playing the Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles and securing 10th place only when Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium failed to finish first or second. Jose Maria Olazabal, in a decision that surprised no one, selected Colsaerts and Ian Poulter.

It was the second time in three Ryder Cups that Poulter had to rely on being a pick, only there was no cause for panic. The only thing that made him uptight at Bethpage Black was the baked greens that sent him into a Twitter rage.

Few outside Ireland can protest those picks. There was plenty of gossip about a decade-only squabble between Olazabal and Padraig Harrington, but it would have been tough to take the Irishman for a second straight cup when he hasn't beaten meaningful competition in four years.

U.S. captain Davis Love III might have had an easier time under the old system of announcing his two picks right after the PGA Championship, the final qualifying event.

In a move that was overdue, former captain Paul Azinger orchestrated a change in 2008 that gave the Americans four picks instead of two, and allowed the captain an additional three weeks to make his decision. The idea was to get the players on top of their games. That essentially turned the first couple of FedEx Cup playoff events into an audition. And now, it's a larger cast than Love might have imagined.

What a difference from two years ago, when no one really inspired U.S. captain Corey Pavin. He took Tiger Woods, an easy choice for no other reason than he's Tiger Woods. He settled on two veterans in Zach Johnson and Stewart Cink, and Rickie Fowler by default. No one else distinguished himself as an obvious pick. Fowler not only was the first PGA Tour rookie to make the team, he had yet to win a tournament as a pro.

It's more complicated this time.

Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk are believed to be locks to be taken. Stricker not only is one of the best putters in golf, he and Woods have a 6-2 record as a team in the last three Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup matches. Furyk hasn't won since the 2010 Tour Championship, when he captured the FedEx Cup, but he gave himself great chances at the U.S. Open and at the Bridgestone Invitational, doomed by a snap-hook off the 16th tee at Olympic and a double bogey on the 18th hole at Firestone.

He not only has played on every U.S. team since 1997, he has qualified for them all. Consider this a lifetime achievement pick, and not a bad one. A year ago, he narrowly qualified for the Presidents Cup, and then went 5-0 at Royal Melbourne. Only one of his matches reached the 18th hole.

That essentially leaves Love having to look at five players—maybe more—for two spots.

Watney was enduring a lost season until winning The Barclays. That doesn't make him a frontrunner, but he is a big blip on the radar at the very least. Brandt Snedeker already was under consideration - a winner at Torrey Pines, a contender at the British Open and a guy who can putt. He showed that at The Barclays, making a 15-footer for par on the 17th and a birdie putt from about that length on the 18th to finish alone in second.

Dustin Johnson, who has won every year since his rookie season in 2008, tied for third at Barclays. His sheer power and talent is difficult to ignore. Fowler showed up on the leaderboard until Saturday, when Bethpage Black became Bethpage Brown and sent scores soaring. Not to be forgotten is Hunter Mahan, who was poised to make the team on his own until he finished toward the bottom of the pack at Firestone and missed the cut at the PGA Championship and the Barclays.

The list can get even longer depending on the Deutsche Bank Championship, especially if Bo Van Pelt or someone like Bill Haas were to win.

No one will be under greater pressure than Mahan. He won twice this year, but has only one top 10 over the last five months. And he is the opposite of Furyk, who has qualified for every team. Mahan has been a captain's pick twice for the Presidents Cup, once for the Ryder Cup.

# Church 360 regroups, beats Gualo Rai

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Church 360 bounced back from two straight losses after slipping past Gualo Rai, 74-67, in the only game played in the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

With the win, Church 360 evened up its record to 2-2, while Gualo Rai fell to a 0-3 record.

The Church 360-Gualo Rai duel was a make-up game and with only one minute gone by in the first quarter, the match was quickly halted due to the scoreboard malfunction. The match took about an hour to restart, but for Church 360 the game was worth the wait, as it managed to return to the win column after absorbing defeats in succession.

Church 360 held Gualo Rai to 8 points in the third period to turn a 35-37 deficit to a 51-45 lead and then withstood the Jun Estolas-led rally in the fourth to eke out the 7-point win. Estolas came from playing in a separate league in Garapan and only suited up for Gualo Rai midway in the fourth canto. He went on to score the last 11 points of Gualo Rai, however it was not enough to give his team its first win, as Church 360 drew crucial baskets from JohnJohn Capuyon, Josh Lutrell, and Aaron Wood in the fourth canto to preserve the win.

▶ Gualo Rai's Macmac Lagado, right, challenges Church 360's Joel Buniag to a one-on-one game as they wait for the scoreboard to get fixed to start their make-up game in the DLX caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Capuyon drilled 10 of his 15 markers in the fourth, canning five straight field goals, while Lutrell and Wood teamed up in 11 of Church 360's last 13 points.

Lutrell went on to top-score for Church 360 with his 26 points, while Wood chipped in 16, and new recruit Wowie Abuel contributed 11.

Abuel and Lutrell got things going early for Church 360 when they combined for 12 points in the opening quarter and lifted their team to a 21-14 advantage.

With Gualo Rai still waiting for Estolas, JP Jose carried the cudgels for the depleted squad, scoring 6 points to keep 360 Church at bay. He added 8 more in the second canto and found an ally in Victor Mallari, who drained 7 markers to give Gualo Rai a shaky 2-point lead at the break, 37-35.

Jose was then held to a free throw in the third period and the rest of Gualo Rai players struggled to find their marks, allowing Church 360 to regain the driver's seat.

Lutrell continued to pile up points in the second half, as he almost outscored the entire Gualo Rai team with his 7 points, while Capuyon made his presence felt in the game after missing the first half, chipping in 5.

Capuyon scored 3 of Church 360's last 5 points and he was on a roll at the start of the fourth canto, making the team's first 10 points. Lutrell and Wood took over from Capuyon past the halfway mark, trading baskets with Estolas, who came in with about four minutes left on the clock.

**Church 360 74** – Lutrell 26, Wood 16, Capuyon 15, Abuel 11, Chavez 2, Buenabajo 2.

**Gualo Rai 67**—Jose 17, Mallari 14, Dayrit 11, Estolas 11, Galzote 4, Diaz 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-14, 37-35, 51-45, 74-67.

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batters through five innings as the game was declared over two innings early due to time constraints.

Notably, defense made the difference in the pitching duel, as Rockies hurlers Ray Tenorio and Leroy Regis held the Reds to just two hits.

Meanwhile, in the second game, veteran Brian Camacho scored the winning run, while closer Alex Monkeya held his ground to help the Dodgers snap the Orioles' streak to three.

The Dodgers worked out a 2-1 lead off errors in the bottom of the first inning and jumped in front, 5-1, in the second frame off two hits and a lot of aggressive running on the base path.

The Dodgers loaded the bases that set up a RBI single from Roke Tenorio, who then scored Jerald Cabrera and Craig Aguon, while Jhace Palacios later came around off some costly infield errors. The Dodgers stole four bases altogether in the surge.

The Orioles managed to get a couple of runs back in the top of the third inning and kept the Dodgers at bay through the next two exchanges. Frankie Camacho singled and scored off a wild pitch and T.J. Sablan drove home Jonah Flores to get the Orioles back in the game.

The rally inspired teammate Mike Muna, who led off the fourth inning with a single and motored his way home via three stolen bases to make it a one-run ball game, 4-5. However, the Dodgers pulled it together after that and bagged a 1-2-3 inning to close the fifth, while Joseph Atalig drew a walk and scored off an error in the bottom portion for a 6-4 advantage.

The Orioles would not go quietly, however and tied the game at 6-all in the top of the sixth, as it remained patient at the plate. After a bean ball and a single by Poland Masaharu, the Orioles got three consecutive walks from Dodgers reliever Palacios and scored one freebie, while Masaharu tied the match off a wild pitch.

The Dodgers called veteran Brian Camacho to get them out of the jam and he left the Orioles with the bases juiced. Camacho then drove home the go-ahead run in the bottom half and although the Orioles pulled off a double play to give them a greater chance for a comeback, they could not find an answer against Monkeya. The Dodgers left the tying run at second base.

The Triple A season continues at the "Tan Ko" field this Saturday with the first game set for 4:30pm and the second at 6pm. Saipan Major League Baseball Association is organizing the league with the help of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services.

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playoff cast.

The Saints notched their fourth win despite falling behind in the first half.

The Saints failed to neutralize the Peacemakers' Juan Camacho, who scored 10 points in the opening frame. Jason Lizama then hit a triple to end the first half with the Peacemakers on top, 23-21.

Don Brennan and RJ Cruz combined for a baker's dozen in the opening frame to keep the Saints afloat and the former got hot at the right time in the second half to steal the win.

Brennan scored 8 more points in the second half to complement the 8 and 9 markers power forward Joe Basa and point man Luizi Reyes drilled in the homestretch.

The Peacemakers' Mark Nuique tallied 12 markers on the other end in an effort to ignite a late rally, but the Saints' defense held strong in the clutch.

Brennan's 14 points led three others in double figures, while Peacemakers' Camacho managed 12 in defeat

In last Sunday's game, Derek Sablan scored his only basket in the game to give GVH the needed win.

With the fourth and last playoff berth on the line, GVH leaned on the 13 points of Dominic Reyes to take a 21-16 lead at halftime.

GVH dictated the pace for the majority of the game, before JP Iglesias drained two prayer threes that found the bottom of the net to keep the Rollers' hopes alive in the second half. However, in the end it was Sablan's basket that decided the victor.

Reyes led all scorers with his 17 points, while Iglesias scrambled for a dozen for the Rollers.

### Friday's Game

**Saints 53** – Brennan 14, Luiz Reyes 12, Cruz 12, Basa 11, LJ Reyes 4.

**Peacemakers 48** – J. Camacho 12, Nuique 12, La. Reyes 8, R. Camacho 7, Lizama 7, Lu. Reyes 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 21-23, 53-48.

### Sunday's Game

**GVH 38** – D. Reyes 17, D. Camacho 13, Ogarto 4, Tenorio 2, Sablan 2.

**Rollers 37** – Iglesias 12, Ichnis 10, Espinosa 8, P. Camacho 6.

**Scoring by halves:** 21-16, 38-37.

## TAISACAN

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107, 98, and 163).

### Cal, Angeles top August roll-offs

In the Budweiser Queen of the Lanes, Ron Cal made it two in a row and third this season after besting six other female keglers in the two-day roll-offs.

Cal, who won last month and in May, logged 755 in last Sunday's game and her score was unbeaten at the continuation of the August roll-offs last Monday. Participants in the adults roll-offs can bowl on both days of the tournament, but only the higher score is counted.

Gigi Zapanta, who had 539 in Day 1, came back in Day 2 and posted a better score of 614 pinfalls, but she placed only third, falling short to the 681 pinfalls Gloria Omechelang earned last Sunday. Neither Omechelang not Zapanta downed at least 200 pins in a single game, while Cal drained a field-best 267 pinfalls in Game 2. The August winner's other scores were 159 in Games 1 and 3 and 170 in Game 4 for an average of 188.75. Omechelang (190, 172, 174, and 145) and Zapanta (151, 154, 164, and 145) averaged 170.25 and 153.50, respectively.

Other bowlers who joined the Queen of the Lanes tournament were Yho Villavicencio (597), Elena Soll (593), Carol McKenzie (539), and Myrna Santos (506).

In the King of the Lanes, Raymond Angeles got his second win after prevailing over 12 other keglers.

Angeles' four-game total of 863 last Monday surpassed the 847 of Day 1 leader Simon Manacop. Percy Omechelang completed the Top 3 after carding 802 pinfalls in Day 1.

Angeles had three 200-plus pinfalls in the final day of the monthly competition and was just three pinfalls short of reaching the 200 mark in Game 2 for an impressive average of 215.75. The June winner had his best showing in Game 3 (247) and then earned 207 and 212 pinfalls in Games 1 and 4 to rule the August roll-offs.

Manacop also logged 200-plus pinfalls in three games (256, 203, 238), but his 150 in Game 3 caused him the monthly crown Omechelang's 200-plus pinfalls performance were made in Games 1 (263) and 3 (203), but he had only 177 and 159 in two other games for an average of 200.50.

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bantamweight title is also listed late on the fight card.

Current Trench Tech featherweight champion Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig (4-5) of Countershot MMA will be pitted against local Trench Tech standout Fasi "Quikdraw" Jesse (9-4) at 145lbs in what is sure to be an exciting semi-main event. Mark "The Dark" Nuique (8-1), also of Trench Tech, aims to defend his bantamweight belt against Marinas Elite's Maitai "The Charger" Charley (4-8).

Other MMA matchups include Trench Tech's Shane "PikaBoo" Alvarez (7-1) against Guam's Ryan "The Predator" Toves (0-2) of the Lights Out Gym in a 145-150lbs catch weight bout; Trench Tech's Vince "The Clinch" Masga (3-1) versus Zalaka's Joe Duenas (3-1); Wusstig's good buddy Joe Ramirez against Trav "Flying Man" Eubanks at 170lbs; Kyle Toves vs 670's Garry Ray at 135lbs; and Trench Tech's Roman "Sonic Boom" Alvarez (1-0) vs either Zalaka's Jacob Ilo at 135-140lbs, or Marianas Elite's Vince Pua (2-1) at 150lbs.

Independent fighter Leo Mendiola (125-lbs), Marianas Elite's Derrick "El-Peligro" Rangamar (3-12/135-lbs), and Team Haga's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo (3-1/125-lbs) are listed on the card, but are still awaiting opponents. Mendiola is expected to square off against a fighter from Guam's Spike 22.

The three K-1 pairings will have Zalaka's Jordan Manglona battling Trench Tech's Wini Roldan Jr. at 130lbs; Trench Tech's Renz "The Intense' Benghit taking on Guam Muay Thai's Kyle Martin at 140lbs; and Trench Tech's Johmar Danas clashing with Guam Muay Thai's Jared "The Spartan" Martin also at 140lbs.

Tickets will be on sale soon and more details about the tentative fight card will be out.

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## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

| East Division | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 74 | 54 | .578 | – |
| Baltimore | 70 | 57 | .551 | 3½ |
| Tampa Bay | 70 | 58 | .547 | 4 |
| Boston | 62 | 67 | .481 | 12½ |
| Toronto | 57 | 70 | .449 | 16½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Chicago | 71 | 56 | .559 | – |
| Detroit | 69 | 58 | .543 | 2 |
| Kansas City | 56 | 71 | .441 | 15 |
| Cleveland | 55 | 73 | .430 | 16½ |
| Minnesota | 52 | 76 | .406 | 19½ |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Texas | 76 | 52 | .594 | – |
| Oakland | 70 | 57 | .551 | 5½ |
| Los Angeles | 66 | 62 | .516 | 10 |
| Seattle | 62 | 67 | .481 | 14½ |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| East Division | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 77 | 50 | .606 | – |
| Atlanta | 73 | 56 | .566 | 5 |
| Philadelphia | 61 | 67 | .477 | 16½ |
| New York | 59 | 69 | .461 | 18½ |
| Miami | 58 | 71 | .450 | 20 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Cincinnati | 78 | 52 | .600 | – |
| St. Louis | 71 | 57 | .555 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh | 68 | 60 | .531 | 9 |
| Milwaukee | 60 | 67 | .472 | 16½ |
| Chicago | 49 | 78 | .386 | 27½ |
| Houston | 40 | 88 | .313 | 37 |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| San Francisco | 71 | 57 | .555 | – |
| Los Angeles | 69 | 60 | .535 | 2½ |
| Arizona | 64 | 65 | .496 | 7½ |
| San Diego | 60 | 70 | .462 | 12 |
| Colorado | 52 | 75 | .409 | 18½ |

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# Reds no-no Rockies; Dodgers stun Orioles

## Saints, GVH clinch playoff seats

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The Saints and GVH arose victorious in last weekend's games to win the last two playoff berths in the U25 division of the 3rd Docomo Pacific Summer Basketball League.

The Saints ran down the Peacemakers (1-5), 53-48, at the Garapan Basketball Court last Friday, while GVH (3-3) just made it past the Rollers (2-4), 38-37, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last Sunday.

Four more games were scheduled over the weekend, but were called off due to rain and according to league organizers, the rained-out matches will not be reset because their results hold no effect in the standings with four teams already securing playoff berths. The Shottas (6-0), R-Rebels (5-1), Saints (4-1), and GVH (3-3) made up the

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
The Saints' Wenser Namelo, left, cradles a layup against a Rollers defender during their game in the U25 division of the Docomo caging last Friday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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The Dodgers' Joseph Atalig unloads a pitch during an earlier game in the Triple A Championship Youth Summer Baseball League this month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Reds' pitching duo Keene Guerrero and Lancaster Secharmedal dealt a no-hitter to the Rockies, while the Dodgers served the Orioles their first loss as the Triple A Championship Youth Summer Baseball League continued last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Reds pulled out a close 1-0 victory in the curtain raiser, while the Dodgers edged the Orioles in the second game, 7-6.

The Reds' AJ Cabarera drew a one-out walk in the first inning and was moved to third base off of a base hit by Peter Lieto and a fielder's choice before stealing home for the only run in the game.

Though the Reds hurlers got the glory, the Rockies were not pushovers by any means and left their rivals with a man stranded in scoring position for the next three innings. However in the end, the Rockies managed only two base runners, credited off a fielder's choice in the second inning and an error in the fourth, and both never made it past second base.

The Reds' Guerrero and Secharmedal struck out a combined six

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## Taisacan ends Aldan's streak

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John Taisacan stole the thunder from M.J. Aldan after ruling the August Fiji Water Prince of the Lane Tournament held last Sunday at the Capitol Bowling Center.

Taisacan collected 659 pinfalls in the four-game tournament last weekend to end the winning streak of Aldan, who topped the youth roll-off from March to July before falling short this month after carding only 647 pinfalls.

The August win was Taisacan's first monthly plum since taking the 2011 Prince of the Lanes crown early this year. Marion McKenzie topped the first two monthly roll-offs of the 2012 season before Aldan took over and recorded his own streak.

Two 180-pinfall performance Games 1 and 3) gave Taisacan the lead after three games, as adding his 147 in Game 2, he earned 507 pinfalls against the 464 (164, 144, and 156) of Aldan. The five-time monthly winner then had his best output in Game 4 (183), but it was not enough to put him on top anew, as Taisacan managed to nail 152 pinfalls to save a 12-pinfall win.

Ryan Batac rounded out the Top 3 with his 472 pinfalls (106, 121, 137, and 110), while Marcel McKenzie finished fourth after tallying 463 pinfalls (95,

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
August Prince of the Lanes winner John Taisacan is flanked by runners-up M. J. Aldan, right, and Ryan Batac during a brief awards ceremony at the Capitol Bowling Center.

## 14 fights in ROP 13: Destiny

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Eleven mixed martial arts bouts and three K-1 kickboxing exhibitions are on tap for Rites of Passage 13: Destiny.

The competition organized by Trench Tech Purebred Promotions and set for Sept. 28 at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort, is headlining a France versus Saipan main event, featuring Ground Du's Ferrid "The Hurricane" Kheder (18-10) taking on Trench Tech's Martin "Ningbo-Slice" Cepeda (4-1) in a 175-180lb catch weight bout.

In addition, a semi-main event will have a Guam versus Saipan featherweight bout, while a battle for Trench Tech's

Alvarez

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